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Club donor's family upset with ND

Steins from University Club auctioned in Chicago to support endowed scholarships

By DAVIS RHORER, JR.
News Writer

CHICAGO — Decades after their grandfather funded the construction of the University Club at Notre Dame, members of one family of University alumni have said they felt snubbed when the University did not notify them at once about the Club's planned destruction.

Robert Hayes Gore, Sr. never attended Notre Dame, but he donated the \$350,000 in 1967 to construct the Club, along with a prized collection of beer steins and tankards that was housed in the building. Six of Gore's nine children attended the University.

The collection of steins and tankards was auctioned at a

local auction house Sunday to raise \$300,000 for scholarships for economically underprivileged children to attend Catholic schools.

"The university showed a lack of respect for its donors" Andrew Gore, a grandson of the late Robert Gore, Sr. and Notre Dame alumnus, said.

"The family was not advised until very late," he said of the demolition planning process.

Gore called for the University to enact better regulations about the time-frame for donations.

"[The University] should consider family akin to the donor," he said.

University spokesman Dennis Brown acknowledged

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DAVIS RHORER/The Observer

Tankards formerly housed in the University Club were the subject of heavy bidding from around the world Sunday.

Disability class reaches out to community

College Seminar combines interdisciplinary studies with service at South Bend's Logan Center

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

Sixteen Notre Dame students will join the growing field of disability studies this semester in a seminar on disability that will supplement interdisciplinary academic study with community service.

"Disabilities studies is very new ... and there are very few courses dedicated to it in the U.S.," course instructor Essaka Joshua said. "When I got here I was really excited with the reaction I was getting from people within Notre

Dame."

In addition to attending traditional classes, students in the Arts and Letters College Seminar on disability will spend time each week with disabled persons at the Logan Center in South Bend. This weekly service will allow students to expand upon traditional studies through interaction with the disabled, Joshua said.

Students have backgrounds in a wide variety of studies, including medicine, anthropology, English, history, American Studies and psychology.

"[The course] attempts to

look beyond seeing disability in a medical context," Joshua said.

The seminar, which is filled to capacity, looks at various disabled communities, attitudes towards difference, the history of disability and cultural representations of disability through literature. The course will also examine government policy, the politics of charity and issues surrounding medical insurance.

Students will draw on their weekly volunteer experiences for class presentations, discussions and projects.

"The students will be helping with all sorts of recre-

ational activities for people of all ages, learning about the lives of the clients, and about the ways in which institutions of this type can make a difference," Joshua said.

Students will work with a Logan Center representative to select their service placement. Some students may work in the Center's newly opened Regional Center of Autism, where they will assist clients with developing their social skills. The volunteer aspect of the course is self-directed, so the students will have the option of mov-

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Club joins March for Life

Right to Life travels to Washington, D.C. to protest legalized abortion

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

More than 230 students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross have made the 12-hour bus trip to Washington, D.C. to join thousands of other pro-life advocates at the March for Life on Tuesday.

The march is an annual demonstration against Roe vs. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in 1973.

The Notre Dame Right to Life Club offered students three travel options, ranging in length from 36 hours to four days. Students on the two longer trips participated in service projects and mini pro-life conferences as a prelude

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JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

Right to Life placed flags and crosses on South Quad on Oct. 4 to represent the lives of aborted fetuses.

SMC students march for peace and history

By LIZ HARTER
Assistant News Editor

About 45 students and faculty participated in the first annual March for Peace to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Saint Mary's campus Monday.

College President Carol Ann Mooney commended the idea of a march and said she hoped it would be a recurring activity at the College.

"Love is not passive, it is active," Mooney said. "It's that love that you have that can transform this place [Saint Mary's] because this is a place that still needs transforming. It is a place in which love needs to grow and stretch."

She said the tradition of the march should not stop until there is enough love at Saint Mary's to love everyone and to learn from everyone.

The idea for the march originated with the College's Sisters of Neferiti club, club president LaQuay Boone said Thursday.

The march for peace should not be looked at as a way from destination A to destination B, said Lawrence Giden, a member of the Civil Rights Heritage Center at Indiana University South Bend.

"[This march] has a destiny and a purpose," Giden said.

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CLC Hall gym funding sought

By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

Members of the Campus Life Council unanimously approved a resolution requesting Student Affairs funding to improve residence hall workout facilities at their Monday meeting.

The resolution will now be submitted for review University Vice President of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman.

This is the first resolution the Campus Life Council (CLC) has passed this academic year.

Student senators have clamored for improvements to dorm facilities, claiming RecSports facilities such as the Rockne Memorial and Rolfs Sports Recreation Center have reached maximum capacity.

Senior Mariana Montes, chair of the Senate Residential Life Committee, spearheaded the project. Research for the resolution began in April 2007.

"If we had more [workout facilities] in dormitories," Montes said, "it would alleviate capacity in RecSports facilities."

Montes added that CLC initially asked RecSports to increase spending on in-dorm equipment, including cardiovascular machines and free weights. RecSports, however, was unwilling to negotiate the budget, she said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Epic music?
Disney

We can all attest to the fact that our appreciation for different music genres has evolved over the years. If you're like me, you learned to walk on Phil Collins and Ace of Base and your first CD purchase was a Hansen album. After exposure to the Kanyes, Modest Mouse and Daft Punks of the world, is there any real consistency to the contemporary music lover's taste?

Rohan Anand

Production Editor

I remember one day in high school when I was pillaging my Dad's sweet collection of Michael Jackson and Ravi Shankar albums, among others, to add to my new iPod (yes, our parents grew up with great artists). Suddenly, I saw the dusty tapes of movies that produced, by far, some of the most epic hits of our generation: Disney films.

What an anchor for our upbringing as innocent children. Who could resist snapping to Baloo the Bear when he sang "Bear Necessities," from *The Jungle Book*? How inspiring was Pocahontas when she sang "Colors of the Wind"? What a test of manliness was it when Captain Li Shang in *Mulan* sang, "Be a man" to rally his men against the evil Huns? Things completely turned a corner after that song.

In theory, we hold these songs dear to our hearts not just because of the originality of the lyrics, but because we were able to see the carefree, loving, innocent individuals, much like ourselves, incorporate those kinds of lessons and values into action.

Take, for instance, the creativity of *The Lion King* soundtrack. Hits like "I just can't wait to be King," exposed us to the power of ambition, while others like, "Hakuna Matata" encourages a problem-free philosophy.

We even acquired skills about romance. "Kiss the Girl" from *The Little Mermaid* instructed men on the perfect time to make "the move." "A Whole New World," from *Aladdin* showed bolder men how to really bring their A-game with a Princess. And "Can You Feel the Love Tonight?" That's just a downright sexy song to show true intimacy.

I'm pleased that my fellow comrades of Siegfried Hall frequently celebrate our Disney music gusto playing CD compilations in the shower radio. Singing, "The Circle of Life" in unison in the shower stalls is a great way to start off a morning. If time allows, you might catch us singing *Beauty and the Beast's* "Be our Guest" all the way down to *Peter Pan's* "Yo-ho, Yo-ho a Pirate's Life for Me!"

Truthfully, appreciation for such a genre of music is wholesome. Instead of venting frustrations for neglecting my homework to write this column, I am going to "Whistle while I work," for the next few hours just like the Dwarves from *Snow White*. Just because it's that uplifting.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: If BRITNEY SPEARS AND CHUCK NORRIS HAD A BABY, WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE?



Jimmy Miller

Junior
Knott

"I can just imagine a round house kicking infant with a pink wig."



Joe Romano

Senior
Sorin

"It would have hooves."



Alex Dzurik

Sophomore
Stanford

"The craziest person alive with the greatest facial hair."



Sarah Barrett

Senior
Off-Campus

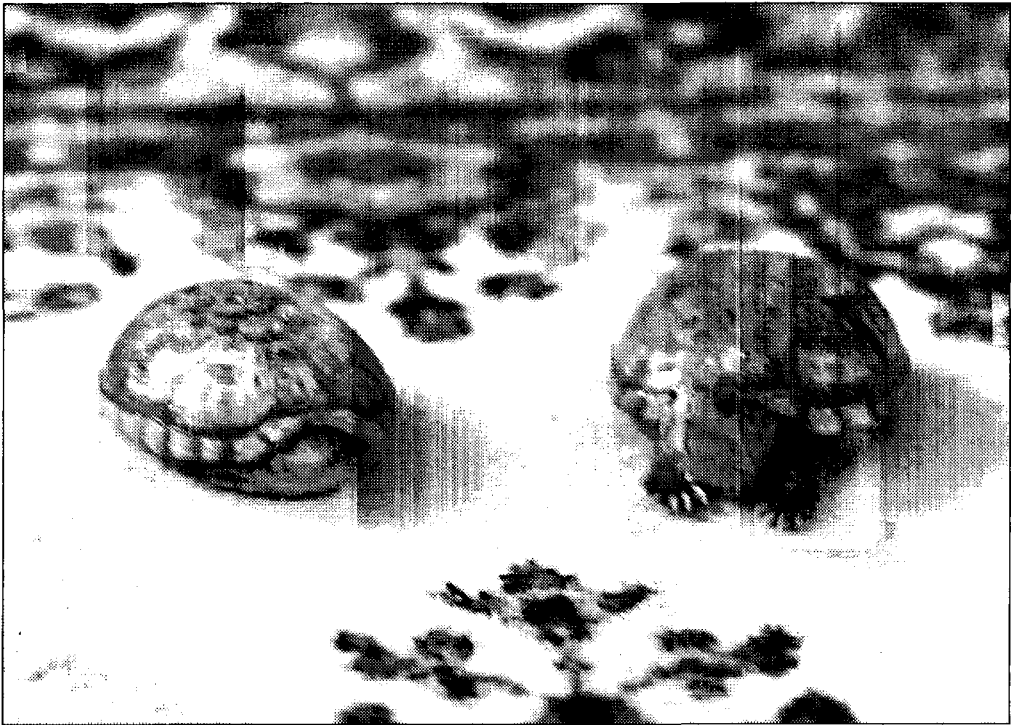
"Black hole."



Mary Pence

Senior
Saint Mary's

"Chuck Norris' sperm would dominate to make a clone of Chuck Norris."



Turtles Pooka and Norbert, who are owned by Art Image Library curator Denise Massa, wander around O'Shaughnessy during one of their daily strolls.

OFFBEAT

Police nail gas peddler in sting

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W. Va. — A gas station clerk is accused of defrauding her boss out of nearly \$50,000 by selling fuel to her family and friends for a tenth of a penny a gallon.

Police arrested 25-year-old Madeline Jordan on Sunday — along with her mother, brother, a cousin and two others — after setting up a sting at the BP station in South Charleston.

The station's owner told police last week he had noticed a significant drop in his income and found

receipts that listed the deeply discounted rate.

Police alleged that for several months Jordan, of Nitro, had reset the price at the pumps every Sunday morning and allowed people she knew to fill up.

Swedish researchers to study bovine belching

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — A Swedish university has received \$590,000 in research funds to measure the greenhouse gases released when cows belch. About 20 cows will participate in the project run by the Swedish University for Agricultural

Sciences in Uppsala, about 40 miles north of Stockholm, officials said Monday.

Cattle release methane, a greenhouse gas believed to contribute to global warming, when they digest their food. Researchers believe the level of methane released depends on the type of food the eat.

"This type of research is already being conducted in Canada so we will be in contact with Canadian agricultural researchers in the near future," he said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The entire RecSports fitness class schedule is available for free during the "Try It, You'll Like It!" week today through Sunday. Show up at Rolfs RecSports Center to try various classes. Space is first come, first serve. Class registration begins Thursday at 7:30 a.m. online.

The Creative Writing Program presents Professor Honorée Jeffers, who will read her poetry Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Gold Room of North Dining Hall.

The Notre Dame Post Office will offer a Passport Fair Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On this day only, no appointment will be necessary to apply for a passport. Applicants should bring proof of U.S. citizenship, proof of identity and two recent photos.

Actors From The London Stage will present *The Taming of the Shrew* on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Student tickets are available for \$12.

Prints from the Snite Museum of Art's collection that focus on artistic subjects from the 17th century will be displayed Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibit, "Rembrandt and the Art of Printmaking in Holland," will highlight the golden age of Dutch art, depictions of landscapes, portraits of animals and individuals in non-aristocratic social and economic classes, and scenes of their everyday life.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

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LOCAL WEATHER						
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Sorin College rector publishes new book

Special to the Observer

"Known by Name: Inside the Halls of Notre Dame," by Rev. James B. King, C.S.C., rector of the Sorin College residence hall at the University of Notre Dame, has been published by Corby Books.

By turns anecdotal, affectionate, nonchalant, humorous and deeply reflective, Father King's first person account of his ministry in the University's oldest and most storied residence hall provides a glimpse into a unique and cherished feature of Notre Dame student life.

In an introduction to the book, Rev. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C., president emeritus of Notre Dame and quarter-century resident of Sorin College, describes Father King's narrative as "unvarnished, straightforward and full of insightful observations about the academy and about contemporary culture. But in the end it is a story full of hope and promise."

Something of that story's depth and quality is suggested in a chapter on "The Heartbeat of Notre Dame," where Father King observes that a rector's responsibility is to try "by living among our

students to instruct them in manners, social skills, tact, discretion, self-discipline, commitment, leadership and integrity" while also impressing upon them "the importance of cultivating a forgiving spirit, service to one's neighbor and a persistent dedication to exploring the truths that lie deeply within one's soul."

Now in his fifth year as Sorin's rector, Father King, a native of Chicago, was graduated from Notre Dame in 1981, entered Moreau Seminary and received a master of divinity degree from the University in 1987. Ordained a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross the following year, he spent two years as an assistant rector and freshman seminar instructor at Notre Dame before leaving for the University of Wisconsin, where he earned a master's degree in political science in 1992. He served for five years at the University of Portland as a history instructor, rector, assistant director in the alumni office and for one year as director of Portland's foreign study program in Salzburg, Austria. He returned to Notre Dame in 1997 and served as director of vocations for the Indiana Province of Holy Cross from 1997 to 2005.

Dance marathon begins fundraiser

"Whiteout Week" kicks off SMC's efforts to raise money for hospital

By MANDI STIRONE
News Writer

Students walking across Saint Mary's campus this week may notice the nearly 50 women wearing white t-shirts with the slogan "2 Legit 2 Sit" in blue letters across the front.

They are student members of the Dance Marathon committee, who are promoting "Whiteout Week" the first week of registration for Saint Mary's biggest fundraising event, the Dance Marathon, said Francesca Johnson, co-president of the annual Dance Marathon.

The Dance Marathon is held each year to raise funds for Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. This year's "Dance for Chance" Marathon will be held from 8 p.m. on April 4 to 8 a.m. on April 5.

Each night this week a different dorm will host registration for the upcoming Marathon. The registration locations are Monday in Holy Cross Hall, Tuesday in Regina Hall, Wednesday in Le Mans Hall, Thursday in McCandless Hall and Friday in Le Mans, according to small fliers that were handed out door-to-door.

Wearing the shirts all week is "really a way to catch people's attention," Johnson said. In addition, the executive board will be

wear their Dance Marathon polo shirts to attract attention to the cause and to show the number of people involved at Saint Mary's, she said.

The two Public Relations committee co-chairs, Sarah Voss and Kelly Deranek, came up with the idea, Johnson said.

It was their goal to "plaster the campus" with Dance Marathon's information, co-president Pauline Kistka said.

The co-chairs came up with the idea at a conference where they saw that another school did "Teal Tuesdays." They chose the first week of registrations because "it's our biggest week to promote the marathon," Deranek said.

The committee wants participants to register this week so it can proceed with its letter-writing campaign before the Dance Marathon, Kistka added.

"It's really important to get people to sign up this week so we can raise money to help the kids," Voss said.

At the registration locations students are asked to fill out a packet, give their \$12 registration fee and provide contact information for the committee's letter writing campaign, Johnson said. Students can also download registration forms off the Dance Marathon's Web site she said.

"At this point, we're just going to keep promoting," Kistka said.

Students who are unable to

attend that night are encouraged to turn over a few addresses to the committee either by dropping them off at the registration locations or by emailing them in to dmarathn@saintmarys.edu, Johnson added.

Johnson declined to give an exact amount for how much they hope to earn this year. Instead she hopes to increase the number of dancers in attendance and the amount of money raised in general.

Since the event won the "Best New Marathon" award in 2006, it's first year, and doubled its earnings in 2007, Johnson and Kistka have high hopes for its future.

"Our big goal is to increase participation from Notre Dame and Holy Cross," Johnson said.

This year's event will see a few changes, Johnson said. Instead of the 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. hours that have been held for the past two events, the time has been changed to 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. in the hopes of including families with small children, she said. The committee hopes that by making the event later in the morning, these families will be able to stop by earlier, she said.



The Dance Marathon will also have the usual bands, music, food, and games.

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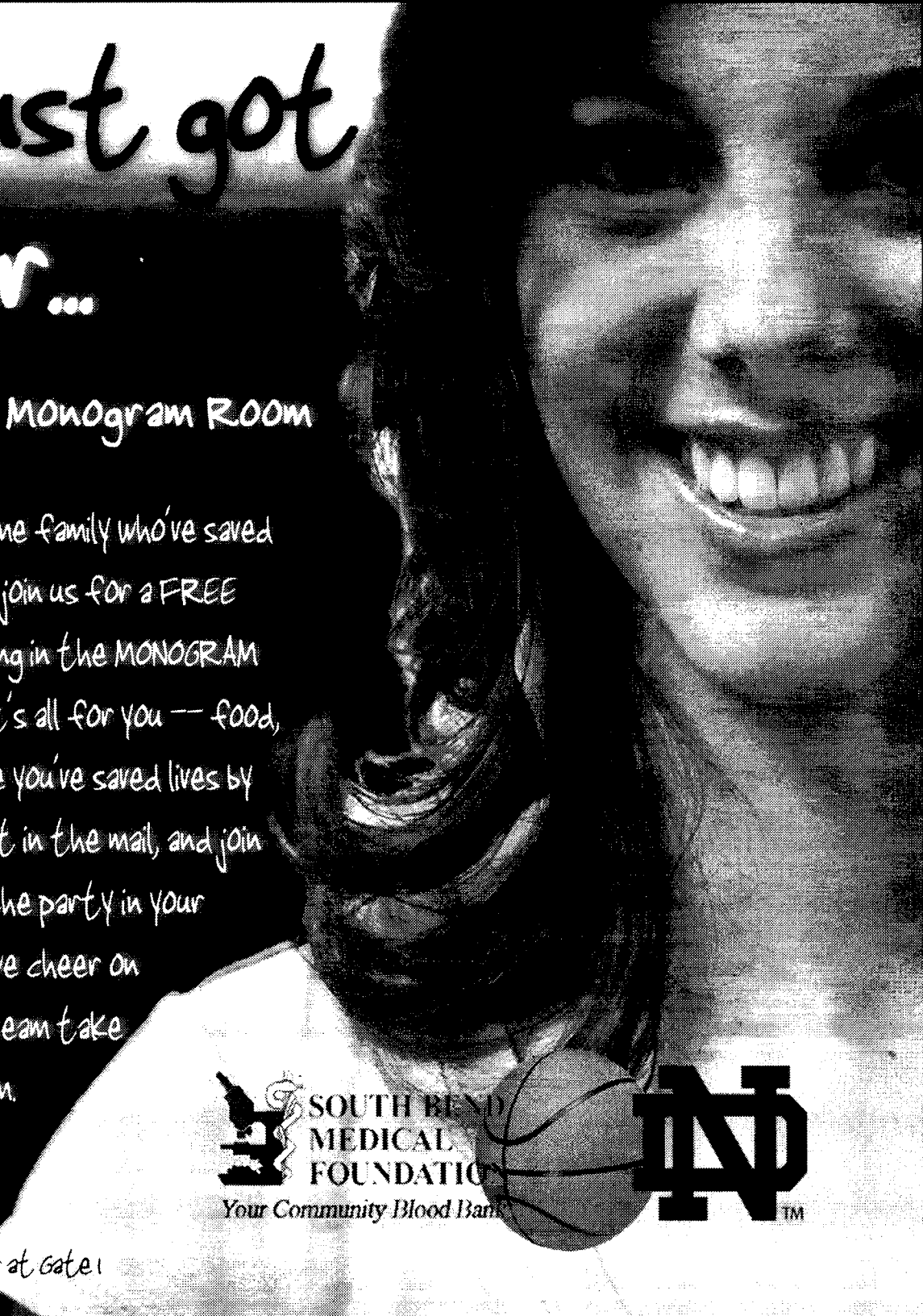
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Students receive free admission to the game - Enter at Gate 1



Disability

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ing around the Logan Center and interacting with people with various disabilities.

Joshua said students will engage both in group activities and one-on-one time with Logan Center clients.

"Volunteering is very much part of the culture of Notre Dame," Joshua said. "It's good to be able to reward that interest and to integrate it into a study program through volunteer placement."

Joshua said that she had no problems obtaining University approval for the course.

"The College Seminar has lots of freedom and covers topics that might appeal to students," she said. "I had quite a lot of freedom to do what I wanted."

Joshua said the Center for Social Concerns was instrumental in helping her create the course.

Mary Beckman, the Center for Social Concern's director for academic affairs and research, said the disability seminar is one of three College Seminars offered with a community-based component to it. The other two

classes address poverty issues.

"Students tell me that when they have experiences in the community, it gives them a sense of urgency about the issues and shows them how important it is to address these issues," Beckman said. "Having that experience in the real world, gives them much more of a sense of the complexity of the issues."

Students have requested more service-learning opportunities in their academic schedule, she said.

The disability course has attracted interest among alumni and faculty as well.

"I've even been contacted by Notre Dame alumni who are interested in the

issue, and are pleased that Notre Dame is pioneering a course on this topic," Joshua said.

Joshua, who is currently researching a book on disability in the Romantic period, said she hopes students will find the course personally as well as academically rewarding.

"I hope the students will broaden their horizons and think more deeply about questions they are interested in," she said.

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Essaka Joshua
instructor
Disability seminar

March

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Giden said he was glad that Reverend H. Gregory Haygood, the pastor at Pilgrim Baptist Church in South Bend was present at the march because it was very reminiscent of the marches that King participated in during the 1950s and 1960s.

"They always had ministers in the front lines," he said. "It shows that God was with them."

After marching from the atrium of the student center to Haggar Parlor, Mooney read King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech, which was spoken during the march on Washington, D.C. in 1963, along with religious studies professor Stacy Davis and four students.

After the reading, Haygood spoke of his own experiences with the Civil Rights Movement as he grew up in Alabama in the 1950s and 1960s.

"I experienced many attacks and things of that nature just because of the color of my skin," Haygood said. "However, it was demanded in my household that evil was not retaliated by evil."

Haygood recounted the story of his older brother who felt compelled to march with King in the August 1963 march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala. His white employer told him that he would lose his job were he to participate.

Haygood's mother told his brother that he must follow his convictions and allowed him to march even though his job helped support the family.

"King's mission was a mission to secure equality and fairness and rights for persons of all colors who were disenfranchised in society," Haygood said. "I want to encourage you tonight to continue to make the dream the reality. One of things that interferes with racial oneness is that blacks stay with blacks and whites stay with whites, so we never really understand each other."

Senior Caitlyn Mack was one of the many marchers who walked through the dark and cold holding only a candle. She joined the participants in the student center as they sang "Lift Every Voice and Sing" in the student center atrium and "We Shall Overcome" during the march.

"I wanted to take part because I wanted to learn more about Martin Luther King, Jr. and his impact on the world," Mack said.

Participating in the march allowed Mack to gain some perspective on King's demonstration, she said.

"I can't imagine being violently attacked and verbally abused while marching and not giving up. Those people [who marched with King] had great determination and they still do. We need to follow their example."

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Rev. H. Gregory Haygood
pastor
Pilgrim Baptist Church

Club

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the family was not notified immediately when plans were made for the Club's demolition.

"We made the mistake and didn't consult with the family in 2001," Brown said Monday.

However, representatives of the University met with the Gore family on numerous occasions before the club was demolished this fall, he said.

Prior to the demolition, the University also sent a letter of apology to the family for not consulting them before finalizing plans, he said.

"We take very seriously our obligation to be good stewards," Brown said. "I think we are."

In addition to his monetary donations, Robert Hayes Gore, Sr. donated the extensive collection of beer steins and tankards that were housed in the University Club for nearly forty years. That collection, which had gained significant prominence over the years, was auctioned off piece by piece by the family Sunday at Leslie Hindman

Auctioneers in Chicago.

"Rather than collecting dust in some cellar at Notre Dame, these assets can be spread across the country," said Charles Gore, another grandson and Notre Dame alumnus, immediately following the auction.

The family plans to donate \$300,000 from the auction to the Gore Family Memorial Trust, which provides financial aid to economically underprivileged children to enroll in Catholic primary and secondary schools across the United States.

"With that [money], we'll be able to provide 25 scholarships a year, and that's forever," Charles said.

The collection, which auctioneers estimate brought in nearly \$302,000, was considered an incredible success, said Leslie Hindman, operator of the auction house.

"We're thrilled," Hindman said.

She cited the "significant provenance" of the Notre Dame history behind the collection as a "major factor contributing to the success of the auction."

Members of the Gore family also won the bids for a few pieces.

"They really are a great collection and a rare and valuable asset," Jesse Leighton, the husband of

one of Gore's granddaughters, said immediately after the auction.

Due to the very high volume of phone and internet bids that poured in from around the globe, it is impossible to know how many different parties bid on the

pieces, Hindman said.

One piece, a 26 inch tall ivory silver-gilt tankard made by Tiffany & Co. sold for \$216,000 to a private bidder.

Despite his complaints about the timing of his family's notification of the demolition, Andrew said the

University would be right to prioritize academics over all other endeavors.

"Assuming the site [of the club] was the only available spot for an engineering building, no one would debate that [the demolition] was the

right thing to do," Andrew said.

But, he said, the University showed a lack of courtesy when it failed to offer an explanation as to why the site of the club was so integral.

Andrew concluded asking the University to revise its Donor Bill of Rights by inserting a timeline of commitments the University must make to donors.

Andrew said the events surrounding the Club's demolition have not really altered his relationship with the University, though he said he could not speak for his entire family.

The decision to donate the proceeds of the auction to the family's trust were based solely on "who needs the money the most."

The University has no plans to rebuild the independent University Club, Brown said.

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Notre Dame alumnus

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Dennis Brown
University spokesman



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Chess prodigy Fischer put to rest

REYKJAVIK, Iceland — Reclusive chess genius Bobby Fischer was buried Monday in a private ceremony at a churchyard in southern Iceland, a television station reported.

Fischer, who died of kidney failure Thursday at the age of 64, was interred at Laugardalur church outside the town of Selfoss, Iceland's Channel 2 said.

Rev. Kristinn Agust Fridfinnsson told the TV station the ceremony was arranged so hastily he did not arrive until after the fact.

The funeral was attended by only a handful of people, including Fischer's longtime companion, Miyoko Watai, and his Icelandic friend and spokesman Gardar Sverrisson, the TV station reported.

Heavy snowfall problematic in China

BEIJING — Unusually heavy snowfall in central China has been blamed for at least 15 deaths and has stranded hundreds of thousands of people ahead of the peak Lunar New Year travel season, state media said Monday.

Frigid temperatures caused pipes to burst, leading to water shortages for thousands of residents, the Xinhua News Agency and newspapers reported. Power lines carrying electricity from the massive Three Gorges Dam to Shanghai snapped under a heavy accumulation of ice and snow, state broadcaster CCTV said.

Heavy snow damaged thousands of homes, and at least one person was crushed to death when a roof collapsed at a gas station, the reports said. Xinhua said that collapsing roofs killed six people, and that nine others died in

NATIONAL NEWS

94-year-old man brutally murdered

MORRISTOWN, Tenn. — A 94-year-old man was found fatally beaten early Monday in a thicket of bushes, his left hand cut off, and three people were arrested in what might have been a botched robbery, authorities said.

Willie Lee Morgan, who was reported missing Saturday, "died a horrible death," Hamblen County Sheriff Esco Jarnigan said.

Two butcher knives and a left hand were found in one of the suspects' cars.

"This poor man was supposed to die peacefully on a front porch swing, not like this," Jarnigan said.

Darrell Nance, 22, was charged with murder and Jessica Lane, 23, was charged with accessory to murder. Brice Whaley, whose age was not immediately available, was charged as an accessory after the fact and abuse of a corpse.

Michigan tougher on illegal immigrants

LANSING, Mich. — Michigan will no longer let illegal immigrants get driver's licenses, a practice just seven other states continue to allow.

Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, who oversees the motor vehicle department, announced the new policy Monday and said it takes effect Tuesday.

The new policy also bars people who are legal but not permanent U.S. residents from getting licenses. Legislation to allow those on temporary work or student visas to get licenses is pending in the Legislature.

The change is aimed at complying with an opinion issued last month by Attorney General Mike Cox, who said granting licenses to illegal immigrants is inconsistent with federal law.

LOCAL NEWS

Daniels against higher gas taxes

INDIANAPOLIS — Gov. Mitch Daniels is urging Indiana's congressional delegation to say no to a federal gasoline tax increase if such a proposal comes up for a vote.

The National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission suggested this month that federal gas taxes should be increased by up to 40 cents per gallon over five years to help fix aging bridges and roads and reduce traffic deaths.

Daniels sent a letter to all members of Indiana's congressional delegation, saying an increase in federal gas taxes would be harmful and unnecessary for Hoosiers. The lease of the Indiana Toll Road has funded transportation needs in Indiana for at least a decade, he said.

Dozens of protestors battle in Jena

About 50 white separatists, 100 counter-demonstrators rally in town embroiled in controversy

Associated Press

JENA, La. — About 50 white separatists protested the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday Monday in this tiny town, which was thrust into the spotlight months ago by 20,000 demonstrators who claimed prosecutors discriminated against blacks.

Police separated participants in the "pro-majority" rally organized by the Learned, Miss.-based Nationalist Movement from a racially mixed group of about 100 counter-demonstrators outside the LaSalle Parish Courthouse. There was no violence and one arrest, a counter-demonstrator.

Chants of "No KKK" from the mostly college-age counter-demonstrators were met with a chant from the separatists that contained a racial epithet.

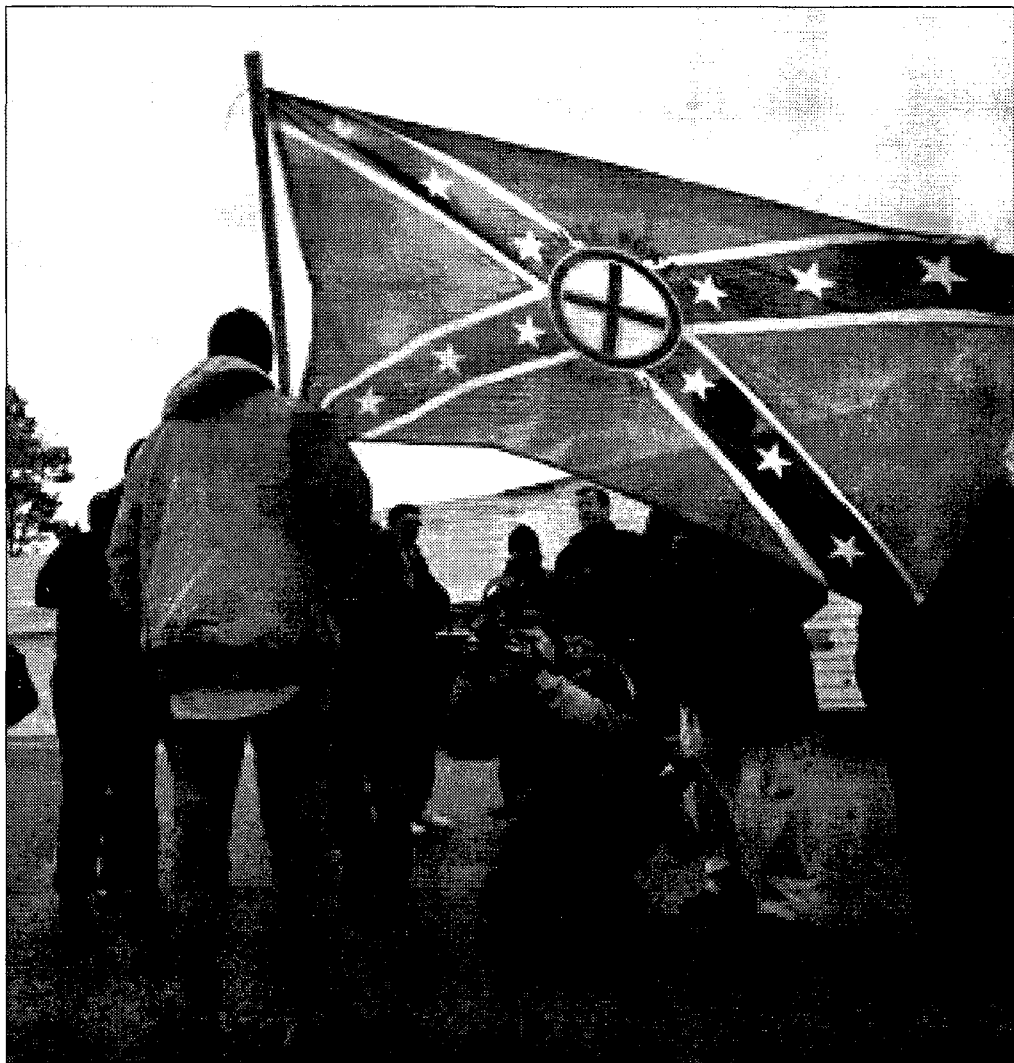
At one point, dozens of state police forced back about 10 people, dressed in New Black Panther uniforms, who had gathered around a podium where the separatist group's leader Richard Barrett was to speak.

One man who broke away from that group was arrested and booked with battery on a police officer and resisting arrest; authorities identified him as William Winchester Jr. of New Orleans and said he was a member of the New Black Panthers. Members of the group at the scene declined to comment.

Race relations in Jena (population about 2,800) have been in the news ever since six black teenagers were arrested in the beating of a white classmate at Jena High School in December 2006.

About 20,000 people peacefully marched in support of the so-called Jena Six in September, and Monday's demonstration was organized in opposition to both the teenagers and the King holiday.

Five of the black teens were originally charged



Proclaimed Ku Klux Klan member Michael Brown holds a KKK flag while talking with reporters outside the courthouse in Jena, La., Monday.

with attempted murder, leading to accusations that they were being prosecuted harshly because of their race. Charges have since been reduced.

Critics of the prosecutor have noted that months before the beating, no charges were filed against three other white students accused of hanging nooses — seen as signs of racial intimidation — in a tree at the high school. The prosecutor has said that the noose hangings, while "abhorrent," violated no state law.

Many Jena residents said that coverage of the controversy last year unfairly portrayed them as racists, and that Barrett's group brought renewed unwanted atten-

tion. Only when faced with a lawsuit did the town drop a requirement that the Nationalists post a \$10,000 security bond for a permit.

Almost all the demonstrators and counter-demonstrators appeared to be from outside of Jena.

"I'd like to see more people from Jena here," said George Ferguson, a local resident who wore a T-shirt reading "Justice for Justin," referring to Justin Barker, the white teen beaten in the school attack. "I haven't seen anyone else I know."

A few locals, black and white, watched from the sidelines.

"I wanted to see what was going on," I've heard a lot about it," said Charles Bailey, a white 58-year-old

Jena resident. "It looks like a big waste of my tax money."

Police from several organizations, including Louisiana State Police and at least three parish sheriff's departments, were on hand. Snipers staked out the roofs of buildings across the street from the courthouse.

Jena resident Dayna Brown, a black woman who made a scrapbook on the September protest, had her camera in hand Monday. She said she was ready to see Jena's time in the spotlight end.

"I'm hoping this is the last of it," Brown said. "Jena's not a bad place to live if you're black or white. We'd just all like to see things settle down."

IRAQ

Teenage suicide bomber on family mission

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — His father was a senior member of al-Qaida in Iraq. His mother promised him they would meet again in paradise.

Details emerging in the investigation into a teenage suicide bombing near Fallujah on Sunday suggest the boy was dispatched by his family on the mission and took advantage of tribal ties to pass through tight security — raising concerns about infiltration within Sunni groups now allied with U.S. forces against extremists.

It also points to concerns that al-Qaida and its backers are still committed to campaigns of revenge and

intimidation against fellow Sunnis even as insurgents try to regroup after being driven from strongholds across central Iraq.

The 15-year-old attacker was carrying a box of candy at a gathering of tribal members to celebrate the recent release of a relative, Hadi Hussein, who had been let go after more than a week in U.S. custody, officials said. Hussein, his brother and four guards were killed in the blast.

The youth blew himself up in a reception area as Hussein was greeting well-wishers in the compound of Aefan al-Issawi, a leading member of the Anbar Awakening Council — the first Sunni group to publicly turn

against al-Qaida in Iraq. Al-Issawi said he believed he was the target, but the bomber may have become nervous and detonated his explosives before he arrived.

"This is not the first time that we have been targeted by our relatives who live in the same area around us," said al-Issawi.

The Issawis represent one of the largest tribes in the province, which stretches west of Baghdad to the borders of Syria, Saudi Arabia and Jordan. The desert expanse provided a vast safehaven for al-Qaida in Iraq until Sunni leaders became fed up with the group's brutal tactics and joined forces with the Americans against it.

Life

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prelude to the march.

"So far everybody seems to really be enjoying themselves," Right to Life president Mary Liz Walter said Monday night. "And tomorrow should be even better. I think for most it'll be such a powerful experience to be in the heart of the nation's capital next to hundreds of thousands of other people, all united for one cause."

More than 200,000 people attended last year, according to the Right for Life Web site.

In addition to a 27 percent increase in the number of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross participants, Walter said there are about 30 students from Purdue University who registered to attend through Right to Life. She said the club's travel options were affordable and convenient for many college students.

Tuesday's itinerary will include attending a youth Mass, rallying at Capitol Mall and finally marching from the Mall to the Supreme Court building, the Notre Dame Right to Life Web site said.

"Hopefully this will be an opportunity for everyone to be in solidarity with other people who are also fighting for the dignity and the respect for human life in all of its stages," Walter said.

Notre Dame students traveling to Washington, D.C. for the march have been excused from classes by the Office of Residence Life and Housing because the march represents an integral part of Right to Life's mission, Associate Vice President for Residence Life Bill Kirk said Monday.

"Right to Life is a recognized student organization and like many other student organizations with national conferences and events that are critical to their underlying purpose, they were granted excused absences to be able to participate in the march," Kirk said.

The decision to allow these students to miss their classes, he said, is in accordance with the absence policy outlined in duLac, which says members of groups that officially represent Notre Dame may receive excused absences when they are away from campus performing duties for the University. Like many students involved in varsity or club athletic events, mock trials, choir

tours, honorary society national conventions and student union board national conferences, among other events, participants of the Right for Life March were eligible for an excused absence from their classes through Kirk's office.

"This is not the first year that excused absences have been granted for participants in the Right to Life March," Kirk said. "Our office only maintains class absence records for the immediately previous year, so I am unable to say with certainty for how many years excused absences have been provided, but I do recall excused absences being granted for at least the last several years," he said.

Last year, about 120 students took advantage of this option and filled three Right to Life charter buses to Washington, D.C. This year, as the number of participants surpassed 100, Kirk was "delighted" to approve their absence from class.

He said he hopes these students will be "a very visible sign" of the University's commitment to its Catholic mission.

"I can think of few better ways to do so than through this march," Kirk said.

The students on the four-day trip, which came with a price tag of \$85 per person, have been lodged at the St. Agnes Parish in Arlington, Va. since Saturday morning. The second batch of students, who paid \$75 to cover the cost of transportation and some food at the parish, arrived one day later. The third and final group, which contributed \$50 per person to cover the cost of the buses, arrived this morning after an overnight drive.

But for many students, spending the night on a bus is a minor inconvenience for a chance to make their voices heard.

Senior Ana Laura Virzi said she just wants to protest abortion on behalf of "all the unborn souls that didn't have the opportunity to protest themselves."

From the bus carrying the third group to Washington, D.C., she said that though she is a Panamanian citizen, she thinks it's important to make a difference in the United States — a country that may well serve as an example for other countries in Latin America and the world on the abortion issue.

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Resolution

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Dorm improvement funds are not sufficient to cover the expenses of facilities, Montes said.

Badin rector Sister Denise Lyon echoed this claim, noting that gym costs include maintaining as well as purchasing equipment.

One of the few ways to maintain dorm workout facilities is to increase hall taxes, Lyon said.

Knott rector Brother Jerome Meyer said the Office of Residence Life and Housing gives rectors the responsibility of finding workout machines for their dorms.

"If people plan, knowing at the beginning of the year what they want [regarding workout equipment], they will eventually get it," he said.

Knott Hall obtained all the equipment for its workout room through the matching funds program for elective dorm expenses. Rectors can apply for up to \$1500 of funding, two third of

which will come from the University and one third which will come from the Hall Presidents Council.

Meyer urged members to approve a resolution to fund dorm workout facilities that is not tied to matching funds.

Montes suggested rectors submit surveys to students inquiring what kinds of improvements they want from their dorm's matching funds to be spent. She asked whether matching funds were sufficient for improvement on dormitory workout facilities.

Student government vice president Maris Braun, a member of the Task Force on Student Development, suggested there should be alternate funding sources, such as a fund solely to improve workout facilities.

Gustavo Gari, a member of the Task Force on Community Relations, argued the resolution should simply acknowledge the shortcomings of current workout facilities.

"We just need to address the issue that facilities are inadequate," Gari said.

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Nigerian man faces deportation

Immigrant fears return to homeland after working as drug informant

Associated Press

BOSTON — More than two decades ago, Frank Enwonwu got caught smuggling five ounces of heroin into the United States from his homeland in Nigeria. He admitted his mistake and readily agreed to work as an informant, believing the U.S. had promised to keep him safe.

He went on to pursue his share of the American dream, driving a cab and training as a nurse's aide — until a change in law in 1996 retroactively made him liable to be deported for his drug conviction, despite his work to help the government.

Now, he weeps in a room at a homeless shelter he shares with his 13-year-old son, fearful that any day he could be sent back to Nigeria to be tortured or killed as drug dealers with long memories seek retribution for his work as an informant.

"Trust me, no one there has forgotten what I did — even after 22 years. I'll be killed there before I even have the ability to see daylight," he said.

Enwonwu, 58, has spent about five of the last 11 years in detention while fighting his deportation order. His legal appeals all but exhausted, he now is asking to be spared on humanitarian grounds.

"I have a little boy who did not grow up with me because of all the time I have spent in detention. He needs me," said Enwonwu, who is separated from his wife and has custody of the teen.

Enwonwu is under a final deportation order and could

be taken into custody and deported without notice.

"This is a man who assisted the United States government as an informant, helping them prosecute drug-related crimes, and in so doing, he has put his life at complete risk. We believe that creates an obligation on the part of the United States to protect him," said Meetali Jain, an attorney at the American University Washington College of Law International Human Rights Law Clinic.

Enwonwu admits he committed a crime when he brought drugs into the United States, but claims he was tricked by a Nigerian military officer who offered to buy him a plane ticket if he would show the man around Boston, where he had attended Tufts University in the 1970s.

The night of their flight, Enwonwu said, other military officers ordered him to carry two packets of heroin. He was arrested at Boston's Logan International Airport after Customs officials found the drug.

Within hours of his arrest, Enwonwu said, federal drug agents asked him to participate in a sting to catch the dealers who were to come to Boston from New York to pick up the heroin. Enwonwu agreed, and two men were arrested. Their boss in Ohio was also prosecuted. All three were from Nigeria.

In the mid-1980s, Nigeria had become a major transit point for Asian heroin and South American cocaine being smuggled to Europe and North America. The transit networks expanded and became highly organ-

ized, prompting U.S. pressure on Nigerian authorities to crack down on the trade, which Nigerian police say frequently involves gang killings.

Enwonwu worked for the Drug Enforcement Administration for 10 months, providing the names of suspected drug dealers in Nigeria who U.S. officials believed were running drugs to the United States themselves or through couriers. He also supplied the names of Nigerians living in the United States who he had learned were involved with drugs.

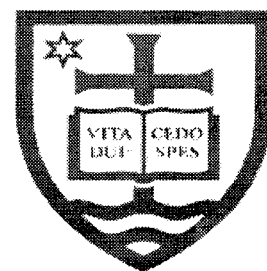
Enwonwu said the DEA promised him he would not be deported and would be protected from the drug dealers he had rattled on.

"They knew how dangerous the drug lords in Nigeria were and they told me I wasn't going back to Nigeria," Enwonwu said. "Based on that promise, I continued my cooperation with them."

The DEA acknowledges it paid him \$1,600 for his work as an informant, but Herbert Lemon Jr., the DEA agent who Enwonwu claims made the promises, said he never told Enwonwu he would not be deported.

"Absolutely not. I (didn't) have the authority to do it," Lemon, who is now retired from the DEA, told The Associated Press. "That just didn't happen."

Lemon said he did tell federal prosecutors that Enwonwu had cooperated, which the agent believes spared Enwonwu from serving jail time. He got a suspended sentence and probation on the heroin charge.



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FTSE 100 (London)	5,578.20	-323.50

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POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	-0.13	-0.06	46.35
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INTEL CP (INTC)	-1.71	-0.33	19.00

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IN BRIEF

Disneyland tries to raise appeal in China

HONG KONG — Hong Kong Disneyland unveiled new Chinese New Year outfits for Mickey and Minnie Mouse created by designer Vivienne Tam on Monday as part of the park's efforts to boost its appeal to Chinese tourists after a dismal second year.

Disney's two iconic characters strutted their stuff down a red carpet — Mickey in a bright red Mao suit and Minnie in a cherry blossom red dress with a bouquet-like bottom.

Mao suits were named after late Chinese leader Mao Zedong, who frequently donned tight-collared outfits instead of Western-style dress shirt and tie.

Nine other models also displayed red and black dresses featuring Mickey Mouse patterns.

"I've liked Mickey Mouse since I was very little. They [Disney characters] gave me many happy moments during my childhood," Tam, a Hong Kong native, told reporters.

Democrat pushes for even tax rebates

WASHINGTON — Any rebate included in an economic stimulus plan should include people who pay Social Security taxes, not just those who pay income taxes, a leading Democratic lawmaker said Sunday.

"If we did the rebate based on the payroll tax, it would hit a lot more people at a lower end of the spectrum. And so to just say income taxes are the only taxes we're considering that people pay is unfair," said Charles Schumer, the New York lawmaker who is chairman of the congressional Joint Economic Committee. People making \$35,000 to \$50,000 pay a lot of federal taxes, he said, but much of that is not income tax, but directed to programs like Social Security.

Democrats and the Bush administration say they want to reach a quick agreement so the economic stimulus can be applied quickly to the struggling economy. But any Democratic insistence on covering those who don't pay income tax could be a cause of conflict.

The White House, for now, envisions providing one-time rebate checks to people who pay federal income taxes. That would leave out millions of the working poor, who do not make enough to pay income taxes but do pay Social Security and Medicare payroll taxes.

Web site founder strikes again

Reid Hoffman's business networking site, LinkedIn, thriving; corp. might go public

Associated Press

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — Few Internet entrepreneurs practice what they preach as devoutly as LinkedIn Corp. co-founder Reid Hoffman, whose business revolves around his belief that good fortune flows from good relationships.

Hoffman, 40, has put that principle to work by mining his own vast network of Silicon Valley connections to rake in one Internet jackpot after another.

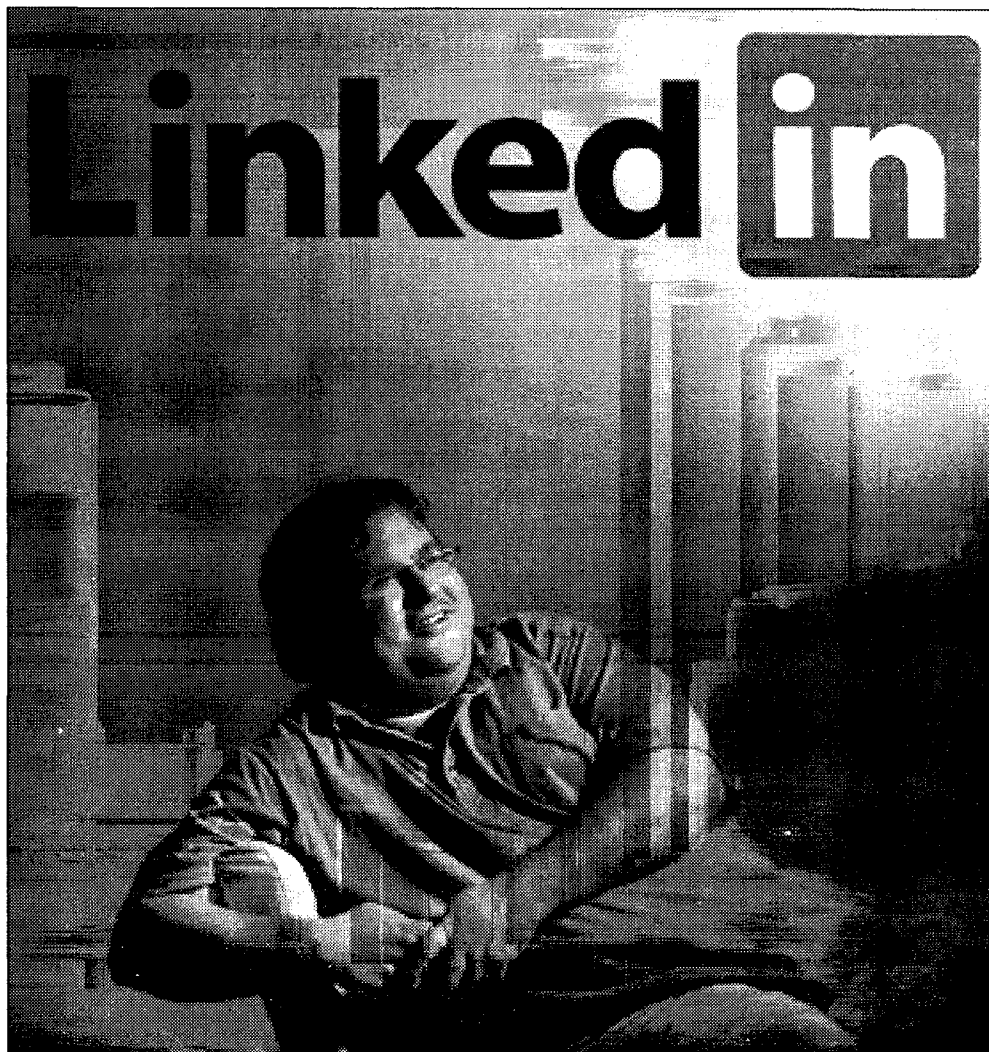
A college friendship led Hoffman to PayPal and his first windfall when eBay Inc. bought the online payment service for \$1.5 billion in 2002. Since then, he has become even wealthier by investing in other Internet startups he discovered through friends and former colleagues.

Along the way, Hoffman also used some of his PayPal proceeds to help start LinkedIn, an online business-networking service that helps professionals like him realize the value of their contacts from the past and present.

With more than 1 million people joining each month and projected 2008 revenue of \$75 million to \$100 million, LinkedIn Corp. seems likely to deliver another big payoff for Hoffman.

"LinkedIn is a great expression of who Reid is," said John Lilly, chief executive of the Firefox Web browser maker, Mozilla Corp., where Hoffman sits on the board of directors. "It's really his brain on the Web."

LinkedIn tries to help people who know each other elsewhere more easily meet others who might help their careers. For example, if Mary and Bob are both part of Fred's



Reid Hoffman, chairman and founder of LinkedIn, poses for a photo at company headquarters in Mountain View, Calif. More than 1 million people join LinkedIn each month.

online network, Mary could ask Fred for a referral to Bob, who could then decide whether he wanted to embrace a new relationship with Mary.

LinkedIn's focus on professional networking distinguishes it from social playgrounds like Facebook and News Corp.'s MySpace, where users are encouraged to share their personal lives by posting party photos and adding favorite bands.

Although it may not sound as much fun, LinkedIn appears to be thriving. About 18 million

people now have profiles on the site, roughly twice as many as a year ago.

Hoffman, who remains LinkedIn's chairman and largest shareholder five years after starting the company, said the Mountain View-based company will probably file for an initial public offering of stock before 2010 if he isn't first tempted to sell to one of the suitors that have inquired about buying LinkedIn. Hoffman wouldn't identify the suitors.

"I know we are going to be much more valuable in a year or two," Hoffman

said. "We have had (buy-out) conversations with all the usual suspects, but I think an IPO is by far and away the most likely outcome."

Nonetheless, LinkedIn has its share of detractors, who see it as little more than a tool for job hunters and employment recruiters, a slightly different twist on online help-wanted services like Monster.com or Yahoo Inc.'s HotJobs. Besides selling ads, the site lets employment recruiters and others pay for expanded access to LinkedIn members.

LA Times editor ousted in budget dispute

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Times fired its top editor after he rejected a management order to cut \$4 million from the newsroom budget, 14 months after his predecessor was also ousted in a budget dispute, the newspaper said Sunday.

James O'Shea was fired following a confrontation with Publisher David D. Hiller, the Times reported on its Web site. The story didn't say when the confrontation took place.

"The Los Angeles Times, like all newspaper companies, is facing major challenges in charting a course that will be successful for the future. The path ahead is going to be difficult and requires that our people and our organization be aligned behind what we need to do," Hiller said in a statement. "As a result of these changes, Jim O'Shea will be leaving the Times."

O'Shea's departure comes just a month after the Times' parent, Chicago-based Tribune Co., was taken private in an \$8.2 billion buy-out by real estate magnate Sam Zell.

The departure also follows that of his predecessor, Dean Baquet, who was forced to resign after he opposed further cuts to the newsroom budget in 2006.

O'Shea, then the Chicago Tribune's managing editor, was brought in to replace him.

At the time, he asked the news staff not to see him as "the hatchet man from Chicago" and promised to fight to ensure the Times would "remain a major force in American journalism."

"If I think there is too much staff I will say so," O'Shea told the paper's editors and reporters in 2006. "And if I think there is not enough I will say that, too."

O'Shea is the third Times editor to leave the newspaper since 2005, all of them departing in disputes with

management over how much to cut the news budget.

When Editor John Carroll left in 2005 he was replaced by Baquet, who was then the Times managing editor. Hiller, former publisher of the Tribune who had worked with O'Shea in Chicago, then brought him out to replace Baquet.

Hiller had joined the Times in 2006 after former Publisher Jeffrey M. Johnson was ousted for refusing to carry out budget cuts ordered by corporate headquarters in Chicago.

A month later, Hiller dismissed Baquet and brought in O'Shea to replace him.

Before coming to the Times, O'Shea had been managing editor of the Tribune since February 2001 and had worked at the newspaper in various capacities since 1979.

Before joining the Tribune he had been a reporter, editor and Washington correspondent for the Des Moines Register.

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The construction work on Duncan Hall has progressed steadily throughout last semester and over Winter Break. The new residence should certainly do its part to help ease the overload in male housing. Before that happens, however, a few unsettled issues need to be addressed by the administration and the greater Notre Dame community.

The biggest question mark surrounding the new dorm is the identity of its mascot. With "Duncan" in the title, a whole host of options are available. One of my favorites is the Duncan Donuts. That probably has the most flair out of any choice, as well as the most potential for corporate sponsorship. The popular donut company could join Coca-Cola and Adidas in the proud pantheon of Irish sponsors, and maybe we could get a Dunkin' Donuts in the Huddle. That would be pretty sweet.

Then again, the donut is not the most inspiring of mascots. While it would hardly be the campus's weakest logo (no offense, BP and Farley), we can probably do better. Something like the Duncan Hunters would conjure up a fiercer and stronger sense of dorm unity, a more rousing battle standard. The hall could enlist the patronage of congressman Duncan Hunter himself, proud representative of California's 52nd district. There is a danger, however, that Hunter would try to fence off the dorm's ethnic minorities, in line with his support for a border fence in southern California. That, and possible entanglements with campus security when Hunter tries to convert the putting greens near Duncan into an NRA shooting range.



James Dechant

Foregone Conclusion

Slam Duncan

On second thought, maybe we should be more selective about government relations. Notre Dame already catches enough flak from those damned dirty liberals who like to criticize our Master's Degree alumna and current Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice. Sure, she does have a record of doing things like amicably chatting with the dictator of the oil-rich, corruption-ridden African nation Equatorial Guinea and calling him a "good friend" of the United States a month after our State Department reports on his country's torture, child labor and restricted freedoms — but who are we to judge? All that oil could help our school's energy concerns, or fund Duncan Hall, if we ask Rice to say a few words for the new dormitory.

We'll have to be sure not to mention to her our own nuclear Radiation Research building, of course — she might not be too keen on that. But don't let me slander her — after all, Rice does have a softer side. She's played piano accompaniment with Yo-Yo Ma. Speaking of which, what about the Duncan Yo-Yos as a mascot? That sponsorship could rival donuts for the coolest free giveaways.

But I digress. If we really want to find a good energy policy for Duncan Hall, as well as a politically conscious mascot (and when do those two concerns not go hand-in-hand?), perhaps we could consult Charles Duncan, former Secretary of Energy for President Carter. He might be able to find an energy plan for Duncan that does not draw power from a facility which pumps warm water into St. Joseph's Lake and keeps it from freezing even in sub-zero weather. Charles Duncan could spearhead a bold new campus energy initiative.

With Charles in charge of our — wait! Pardon the interruption, but I just reminded myself of the hit 1980s family sitcom, "Charles In Charge," starring Scott Baio. You remember — "Charles

in charge, of our days, and our nights." And remember how Charles' basement room had that cool wall bed that could fold up and create extra space when he needed it? Duncan Hall should really look into those — folding beds would be a huge space-saver, and they could even credit Charles In Charge for the idea. Of course, that show also starred James Widdoes, who we all remember played Robert Hoover in Animal House earlier in his career. Connect the dots. No disrespect intended to Widdoes, but I feel the administration might fear sending the wrong message to dorm residents by installing beds inspired by a prop piece featured on a television show starring a former cast member of a raucous college comedy. (Of course, that might just be me.)

If Notre Dame really wants a more appealing image, Duncan Hall should be christened Duncan's Toy Chest. You know, after the giant FAO Schwarz-modeled toy store featured in "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York." It's what Marv and Harry plan to rob and where the old toy store guy gives young protagonist Kevin McCallister a turtle dove ornament for a tree. (Kevin later gives one of the doves to the homeless pigeon lady.) That was a pretty good movie in 1992, but I don't know if it has stood the test of time.

Oh, right — Duncan Hall. I can't really offer any more advice than that. It really comes down to one simple question: donuts or yo-yos? In the spirit of Secretary Rice: The choice is yours. But choose what we want you to choose, or we'll blow you up.

James Dechant hopes you could follow his convoluted train of thought and would like to place blame on Wikipedia and the Internet in general. You can complain about his rambling diatribe by writing him at jdechant@nd.edu

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If everything seems under control,
you're not going fast enough."

Mario Andretti
Professional racecar driver

U-WIRE

Viewers tired of television reruns

By now almost everyone is at least aware of the writer's strike that began on Nov. 5. On that day, for the first time in two decades, 12,000 script writers of film, television and broadcasts put down their pens in favor of picket signs demanding residual compensation for evolving technology. But what does that actually mean for viewers and the entertainment industry?

Tannen Gliatta

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It means repeats and reality shows. And lots of them. Television has been hit hardest by the strike; on average, television shows only film about a month ahead and most of the programs were forced to stop production immediately.

Jonathan Sommers, a Miami University graduate, who has worked under the executive producers of such television shows as Medical Investigation and this season's Bionic Woman on NBC, is currently on strike with fellow writers.

"This television season is more than done," Sommers said. "Even if we start writing tomorrow, it would be at least May before new programs were on television."

According to TV Guide Magazine, programs including Grey's Anatomy, Gossip Girl and The Office have already aired all their new episodes, and many other programs like House and Brothers & Sisters have only two or three new episodes left.

A few midseason scripted shows will have original

episodes this winter, but even those programs will have abbreviated seasons. The CW's One Tree Hill just began its fifth season but will run out of original episodes by the end of March, and ABC's Lost will return January 31 for a mere eight episodes. FOX's 24 was scheduled to return this month, but the network has decided to hold onto the handful of completed episodes until they can air the season uninterrupted as planned.

Currently the Writer's Guild is demanding higher residuals for when television programs and films are streamed on new technology including the Internet, DVDs and cell phones. The union is asking for 2.5 cents per dollar of DVD sales and Internet downloads, an increase from the one-third of a penny per dollar they receive now.

With no end in sight to the current strike, it appears that networks are once again turning to reality. Unlike the strike in 1988, reality television is no longer uncharted territory, but rather a proven success. As the impending strike grew closer, CBS quietly rushed another season of Big Brother into production, casting has begun for season six of ABC's Dancing with the Stars, and FOX's mega-hit American Idol returned this week.

Other areas of television are reacting to the current strike the same way they did in 1988. Late-night talk show hosts walked the picket lines in support of their writers before returning to air a few months later without their writers, and daytime dramas have once again hired non-union writers to ensure original programming

throughout the strike.

"Conan O'Brien and Jay Leno are members of the Writer's Guild and I think with them on the air again it almost weakens the fight," Sommers said.

The \$500 million lost in 1988 may seem like a paltry sum compared to what the industry stands to lose now. The cancellation of the Golden Globes has already cost the industry over \$20 million in ad revenue, and now the 2008 fall television season is in jeopardy.

Scripts for fall television start to be written in April, Sommers said. Also, new series like Pushing Daisies and Chuck were just gaining momentum and viewers before their season came to an abrupt end and may face problems finding an audience again, unlike long running programs with established fans.

"Any show that is on the bubble will be pulled in favor of more reality like American Gladiator, which has already been approved for a second season," Sommers said.

Despite George Clooney's recent efforts, there is currently no set date to resume formal negotiations between the guild and studios.

"No one knows what will happen," Sommers said.

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Voters need not slip into intellectual laziness

Meet Bethany, an average American and a life-long Republican who wishes she could vote for President Bush a third time, but interestingly enough, is considering Sen. Barack Obama as her horse in the race for the presidency.

Her reasons are not grounded in an ideological shift, but are as simple as describing Obama as fresh, good-looking and smooth.

Aristotle felt democracy was a poor form of government because it can become easy for a population to slip into intellectual laziness by letting trivial characteristics — such as a candidate's looks — justify their support for a leader.

To bring this discussion close to home, Stephen Colbert has a segment on his show called "Don't F%#k This Up America."

Within this skit, Colbert highlights the two challenges facing the American voter: voting and not voting.

As Colbert jokingly explains, the first way to f--- up an election is by voting.

Like Bethany, there is a portion of the population that likes to vote based on gut, instead of on intellect.

These feel-good gut feelings, as observed by Colbert, are triggered by one-liners such as Gov. Mike Huckabee's, "I cannot part the Red Sea, but I believe I

can part the red tape."

What Colbert is getting at is what the French writer Voltaire observed: "A witty saying proves nothing," but sadly, will tickle the American political bone into votes.

The other way to f--- up an election, explained by Colbert in his segment, is by not voting.

This portion of Colbert's discussion reaches out to the disaffected and apathetic voters because by not voting, fewer voters allows either Bethany or the religious right to dictate who the president will be — both are scary thoughts.

The lesson here: Find a candidate who shares your values and vote for him or her even if it means voting for the Libertarian, Independent or Socialist parties.

The theme that emerges out of Colbert's segment is the failure of the American voter.

There are too many Bethanys and too many citizens who do not vote, which explains why 70 percent of Americans are against the war in Iraq, yet we are still there.

If you are one of these individuals who votes based off looks, popularity, catchy one liners or not at all, there is good news. You have a chance to remedy your past errors.

The California primary is quickly approaching and will be held Feb. 5, which is known as "Super Tuesday." This is your opportunity to cut through the rhetoric

and vote for a presidential candidate who defends your beliefs.

If you are against the war in Iraq and the larger war on terrorism, but support Sen. Hillary Clinton, you should know she has not pledged to have all troops home by 2013, and recently voted to label Iran's military as a terrorist organization.

If you are against the Patriot Act, but support Sen. Barack Obama, you should know that in 2006 he voted to reauthorize it.

If you are pro-life, but support Gov. Mitt Romney, you should know he ran on a pro-choice platform in Massachusetts.

Vote based on your principles, not funny quips or physical appearance.

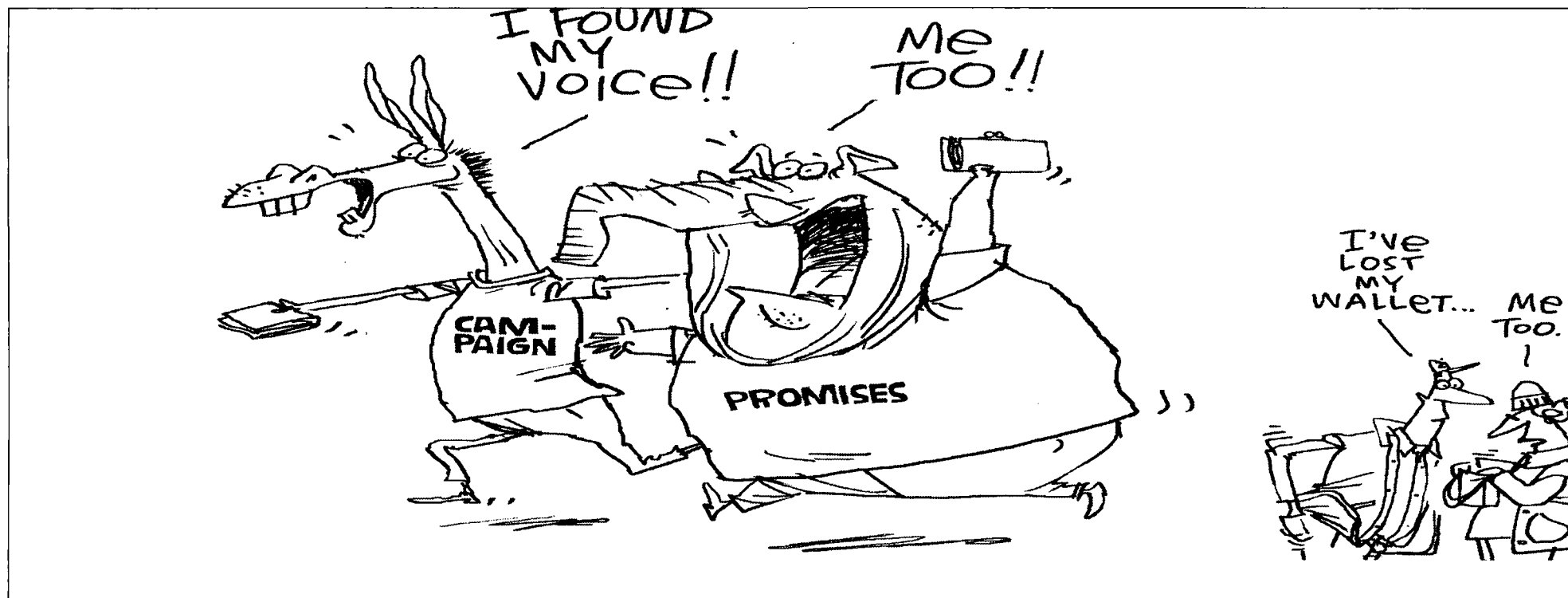
Vote for the candidate who shares your vision for America and has the record and experience to deliver it.

Most importantly, if we cannot vote based on principle, then there is no way we can expect our politicians to do so.

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REVIEW: 'DRESSES' IS ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL

By NICOLE EGGENBERGER
Scene Writer

Fox's plan to maximize holiday ticket sales by pushing the release date of "27 Dresses" back to Jan. 18 proved to be a smart one.

"27 Dresses" opened second with a gross weekend total of \$22.4 million behind the movie "Cloverfield" which totaled \$41 million on opening weekend. Its chick-flick competitor, "Mad Money," only opened seventh with \$7.7 million — making the fairly predictable romantic plot of "27 Dresses" a clear favorite alternative to the Sci-Fi thriller "Cloverfield."

Katherine Heigl stars in "27 Dresses" as Jane, a serial bridesmaid who, after performing all the necessary bridesmaid duties 27 times, has trouble completing her 28th. Her younger sister Tess (Malin Akerman) plans to marry Jane's boss George (Edward Burns), whom she secretly loved. Adding to her distress, a writer for the commitments section, Kevin (James Marsden), follows her around to cover the big event.

After telling Vanity Fair in an interview that "Knocked Up" was "a little sexist," Heigl chose her next role to be more female friendly. "Dresses" gives audiences what — if not more than — they expect in a classic romantic comedy. Previews did not do the movie justice for the depth of the plot.

The film does not only showcase the horrible 27 weddings Jane had to attend, but also centers around her personal career, passions, love life and family. By the end of the film, Jane's personality is so understood that her happiness and growth is a concern for everyone in the

audience. Jane was a woman who would only try to please everyone else before herself, but in order to find love she had to start thinking for herself.

Kevin pushes Jane to stop being a doormat by persistently getting on her nerves. For viewers, the irritated but cute exchanges between Jane and Kevin set the playful romantic mood. The pairs on-screen chemistry was perfect in making the story believable and desirable. "Awwing" out loud moments included a modeling show for Kevin of all 27 dresses; a drunken rendition of Elton John's classic "Bennie and the Jets," sung by both on top of a bar; and the big romantic gesture at the end of the film. Marsden made a simple line — "Come here" — unbelievably sexy and dream-worthy.

The talent of the cast did not stop with Heigl and Marsden. Burns played the perfect clueless and overly dependent boss whose main concern was himself unlike Jane's problem of concern for others. George is a tofu loving outdoor adventure fanatic who falls for Tess his deceptively perfect match. Tess is more of burger loving spa girl whose only thing she may have in common with George is that she only thinks about herself. Akerman plays the role of a snotty younger sister so well that it may be disappointing that Jane never actually punches her out.

A near-show stealer was Jane's sassy and sarcastic friend Casey played by Judy Greer. Most of Casey's lines were the types of inappropriate thoughts that people only think in their heads but never actually say. Following Jane around to all her wedding events seemed to have given Casey a perpetual hangover. Casey goes to the weddings for all of the fun that can be had there as laid out in "Wedding Crashers."

It may seem that "27 Dresses" has the typical romantic comedy characters and plot — and that's because it does. It doesn't fail to give the target audience exactly what they hope for in chick-flick and that's the best thing about the movie. Love scene in the rain, cute romantic phrases and a breakout everybody sing-along song are all included.

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REVIEW: 'DRESSES' NOT MUCH

By JESS SCHAFFER
Scene Writer

Do romantic comedies exploit winter blues? I think so. And "27 Dresses" headlined by Katherine Heigl, is no exception.

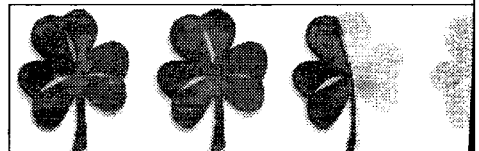
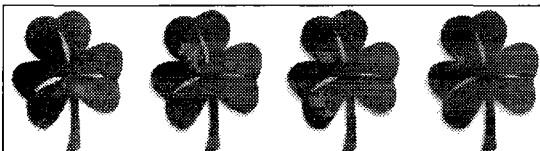
It's that time of year when a cup of hot coco is just not enough to warm your heart. And the bleakness of 10-degree below-zero weather doesn't exactly help. Parkas, earmuffs, scarves and mittens are probably not the cuddly consolation you had in mind for surviving the remaining winter months. ... Hollywood to the rescue. In an effort to satisfy — exploit, cough cough — whims of frostbitten love, the annual wintertime romantic comedy invades the box office. Last year it was "The Holiday," and this year it's "27 Dresses." With a trendy cast, lots of fashion faux paxs, and the minimum requirement of witty banter and physical humor "27 Dresses" complies to the chick flick standard, with little innovation.

Heigl was perhaps the perfect pick for being leading lady of "27 Dresses." With the hype surrounding her engagement and recent wedding, her "Grey's Anatomy" publicity, and her previous film success in "Knocked Up," Heigl no doubt generates the perfect media storm necessary for box office triumph. Just as with her previous movie and television ventures, Heigl succeeds in her role as Jane, a wedding fanatic who lacks the word "no" in her vocabulary. As usually, Heigl brings her own class and charm to the role, making Jane both relatable and likable.

Jane is the underdog that the entire audience is rooting for. With Heigl at the wheel, fond sympathy overrides indignation, as she continuously suffers the plight of the curse of "Always a bridesmaid, never a bride." The trend is taken to extremes when Jane begins arranging her sister's wedding to the man of both their dreams. But Heigl doesn't make the audience suffer with her. She avoids

27 Dresses

Director: Anne Fletcher
Starring: Katherine Heigl, James Marsden, Edward Burns & Judy Greer



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becoming annoying and whiney, and instead represents a dynamic character overwhelmed by her own compassion and need to take care of others.

The supporting cast complements to Heigl's work. Marsden plays the guy who steals Jane's heart. With sarcastic bitterness and (of course) attractiveness, Marsden fills the role as a journalist who has lost faith love and marriage, the very topic of his style column. Bringing his own good looks, Marsden exhibits nothing especially interesting. His chemistry with Heigl, while cute, is not outstanding. Outside their outrageously handsome coupling and occasionally sweet moments, there is not much to them as a pair.

There are also the stock characters like the loving old fashioned father and the jaded, droll best friend. The evil woman of the film is Jane's overindulged sister, Tess. Played by Malin Akerman, Tess is ironically the antithesis to Jane's self-sacrificing nature. Akerman plays a bridezilla reminiscent of that friend or sibling you unfathomably still love despite all her selfish antics. In this way Tess, as a supporting character, allows viewers to connect to Jane through their own experiences with cattiness.

Despite its highlighting cute moments and the intermittent great one liner "27 Dresses" pulls too heavily from its predecessors. There are countless scenes evocative of romantic comedy "greats." "10 Things I Hate About You," "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days," "The Wedding Planner," "The Holiday" and "America's Sweethearts" are all represented influences.

Though it could have saved itself with better writing or a fresh take on an overdone storyline, "27 Dresses" lacks the charisma or ingenuity to separate itself from these precursors. In the end, there is not much too the film and it is overly reliant on the formulaic preconceptions of the chick flick.

While meeting the standards of mediocrity, don't go into this film with high expectations for it to become a romantic comedy classic. Still, it may be good enough to satisfy the needs of your winter blues with some old tricks.

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I tend to have extremely high expectations when it comes to romantic comedies. It's my favorite genre, because when a romantic comedy is truly good, there is nothing more fun and enjoyable to watch. Maybe I should cut the genre a little more slack, but to me, watching a terrible romantic comedy is almost as bad as watching "Citizen Kane" more than once. (I'm a film student, but that doesn't make that film any less boring).

Cassie Belek

Scene & Heard

"27 Dresses" is significantly better than romantic comedy train wrecks "Failure to Launch" and "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" (note that both movies star Matthew McConaughey). But it's no "You've Got Mail" or "Love Actually." It has its ups and downs, but overall it's an enjoyable movie that gives you some laughs and ample opportunities to stare at James Marsden's chiseled face. Here are the hits and misses from "27 Dresses," according to me.

TOP FIVE HITS

5. Jane's 27 dresses. It was pretty hilarious to see her try on each one of these, even though I doubt that a person in real life would not have at least one dress that she liked. I've been a bridesmaid five times and I liked a couple of my dresses, but just like Jane, I never did get any of them shortened so that I could wear them again. That just doesn't happen.

4. James Marsden's smile. I'm going to make it my screensaver.

3. James Marsden sings! Sure he's only singing along to some Elton, but if you were a fan of him in "Hairspray" and "Enchanted," then you'll appreciate his vocal endeavor in this movie. Maybe just like John Travolta dances in every movie, Marsden can sing in each of his movies. But, please, I never want

to see him dressed as a woman.

2. The bar scene featuring Jane and Kevin escaping from the rain and letting loose. Nowhere in the movie is their chemistry more apparent than in this scene. It's the highlight of the romantic comedy and it only makes us wish the pair would do less soul-searching and just have more fun.

1. Judy Greer as Jane's drunken best friend, Casey. Greer is a scene stealer in every role she plays and is one of the funniest women in Hollywood. Keep an eye out for Casey the morning after a particularly wild weekend. Greer portrays just the right amount of hangover to keep us laughing.

TOP FIVE MISSES

5. The misuse of Melora Hardin. We know that Michael Scott's main squeeze, Jan Levinson, is a whole lot of funny (and a whole lot of crazy), so couldn't Hardin have had one or two funny lines to show her stuff?

4. Jane's sister, Tess. I absolutely hated this character. I know she's supposed to be the villain, but she wasn't even one of those "so-evil-I-love-her" characters like Ursula from "The Little Mermaid."

3. Brown hair equals dowdiness. What can we do to make the gorgeous Katherine Heigl look frumpy and undesirable? Give her brown hair!

2. The large majority of the dialogue. It was too cheesy and painful to watching, like "Summer Catch."

1. Too many movie clichés: Weddings on the beach? Of course! Your mother dies when you're young so you learn responsibility at an early age and stop living for yourself? Tragedy is a must!

When life falls apart, design handbags? Just like Monica Lewinsky!

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James Marsden stars opposite of Katherine Heigl in "27 Dresses." In the film, the actor from "Hairspray" showcases both his brilliant smile and his singing ability.

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NBA

Outlaw's game-winner sparks Blazers' OT win

Wizards complete season sweep of Mavericks; Timberwolves' Gomes nets career-high 35 in one-point victory

Associated Press

ATLANTA — As the final seconds in overtime expired, it became clear that both the Atlanta Hawks and Portland Trail Blazers were content to allow Travis Outlaw take the last shot.

That was all he needed to know.

Outlaw took advantage of the opportunity, sinking a 20-foot jumper with 1 second left in overtime to lift the Trail Blazers to a 111-109 victory over the Hawks on Monday.

Outlaw, who led Portland with 23 points, said coach Nate McMillan asked if he wanted the shot.

"I was like, 'Yeah,'" said Outlaw, grinning. "It was nice for him to call my number. It felt good when I shot it. I'd been on it kind of the whole game so I felt good about it."

The Hawks, who expected Outlaw to pass to Brandon Roy, did not give Josh Smith extra defensive help on Outlaw.

Outlaw held the ball outside the 3-point line until under 5 seconds remained. Then he took a couple of dribbles inside

the circle before pulling up and shooting over Smith.

McMillan said he made the call for the hot shooter. Outlaw made 9 of 14 shots. Roy, who had 18 points, was 8-for-22.

McMillan said Outlaw had "perfect execution" on the shot. "He got his rhythm and shot the jump shot," McMillan said. "And he nailed it. Just another big shot."

The Hawks gave Outlaw credit for making the long shot their defense was designed to force.

"It was a contested shot," Smith said. "I wanted him to shoot a jump shot instead of driving, and he knocked it down. It was just a tough shot."

The Hawks called a timeout with 0.9 seconds left. Joe Johnson, who scored 37 points, missed a shot at the buzzer.

Portland's reserves — led by Outlaw, Sergio Rodriguez, who had 16 points, and James Jones, who had 10 — outscored Atlanta's reserves 62-30.

"Their bench outplayed our starting five, if you ask me," Johnson said. "They've got a good team."

The Hawks trailed 96-89 with

3:50 left in regulation but came back at the free-throw line. The Hawks scored 11 straight points on free throws to pull even at 100 with 31.9 seconds left. Johnson made the Hawks' last six free throws in the rally.

After a Portland timeout, Roy dribbled almost 20 seconds off the clock before missing a driving layup against Johnson. Al Horford grabbed the rebound for Atlanta, which called a timeout with 11.2 seconds left to set up a last shot, but a miss by Johnson led to overtime.

Outlaw scored the first four points of overtime on a hook and a jumper, but Smith helped keep Atlanta close. Smith's steal and assist set up a basket by Johnson, and Smith added another assist to set up a jam by Marvin Williams that left the teams tied at 107.

Following two free throws by Outlaw, the Hawks missed four shots but created another possession when Smith stole the ball from Outlaw.

Williams, fouled by LaMarcus Aldridge, made two free throws for another tie at 109 with 19 seconds left.

Tyronn Lue had 18 points while making each of his four 3-pointers. Smith had 17 points, 17 rebounds, six assists and three blocks. Williams and Josh Childress each added 11.

Portland improved to 3-3 on its seven-game trip through the Eastern Conference.

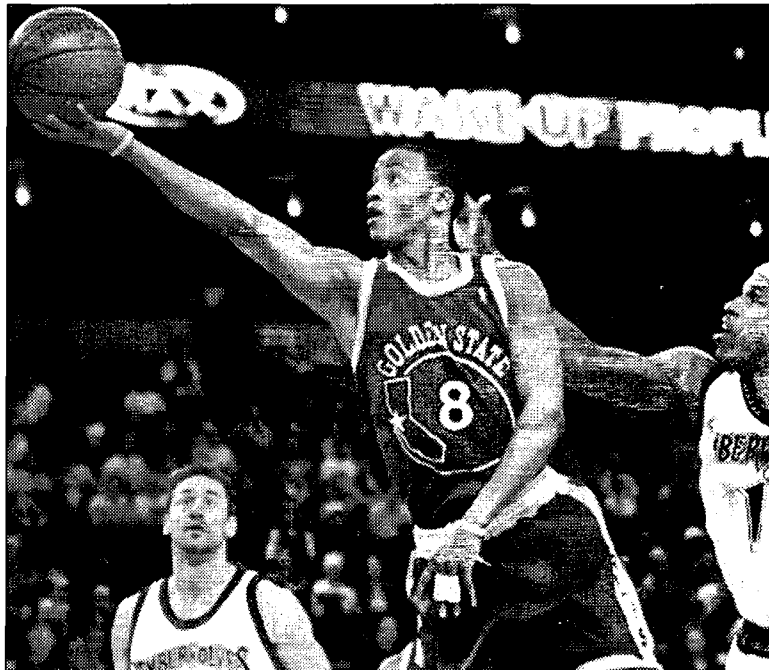
Wizards 102, Mavericks 84

Caron Butler and Antawn Jamison gave the Washington Wizards their first season sweep of the Dallas Mavericks since 1996-97.

Butler had 25 points and nine rebounds, Jamison added 23 points and eight rebounds, and Washington overcame Josh Howard's 32 points to beat Dallas Monday, the Mavericks' biggest loss of the season.

The Wizards have won five of their past six games — including beating the Boston Celtics twice — to take hold of fourth place in the Eastern Conference despite playing without star Gilbert Arenas since November.

Howard's chief help came from Dirk Nowitzki, who finished with 21 points, 11 rebounds and six assists. Devin



Warriors guard Monta Ellis navigates past a pair of Timberwolves' defenders for a lay-up during Minnesota's 109-108 win Monday.

Harris added 14 points.

Timberwolves 109, Warriors 108

Ryan Gomes had a career-high 35 and 11 rebounds to help Minnesota snap a 16-game road losing streak.

Al Jefferson added 21 points and 12 rebounds and Marco Jaric had 16 points, 10 assists and eight boards for the Timberwolves, who won just their second road game of the season and first since a 103-94 win at New Orleans on Nov. 26.

Gomes hit two free throws with 54.5 seconds remaining to give the Timberwolves a 109-108 lead. After Baron Davis missed a 3-pointer with 32 seconds left at the other end, Golden State got one last chance following Jaric's missed 3-pointer with 8.8 seconds to go.

Davis then missed a driving layup and Al Harrington couldn't tip in the miss at the buzzer, giving Minnesota just its second win in the past 15 games.

Spurs 95, Bobcats 86

Tim Duncan had 19 points and 10 rebounds and San Antonio ended its offensive doldrums.

Behind a balanced effort with five players in double figures, the Spurs snapped a two-game losing streak and ended a three-

game stretch where they failed to reach 90 points.

Manu Ginobili and Tony Parker added 16 points each and Michael Finley scored 13 for the Spurs, who shot 49 percent.

Emeka Okafor had 21 points and 10 rebounds and Gerald Wallace added 15 points before leaving late in the game with a sore left calf and knee.

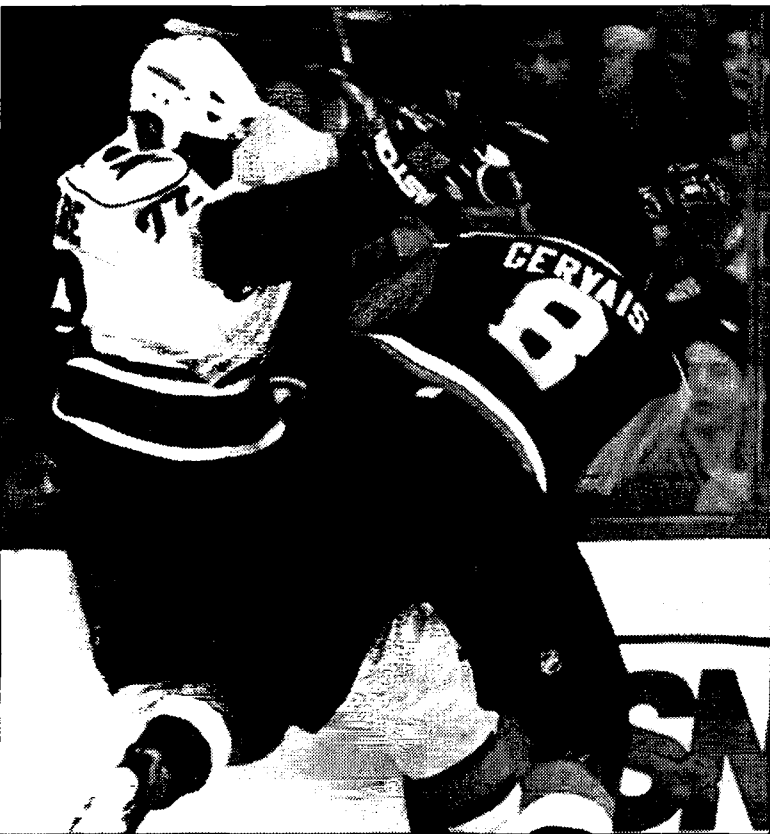
Celtics 109, Knicks 93

Kevin Garnett had 20 points, 13 rebounds and seven assists, and Boston routed New York for the second time this season.

Kendrick Perkins scored 22 of his career-high 24 points in the first half for the Celtics, who shook off the loss of leading scorer Paul Pierce, ejected along with New York's Quentin Richardson late in the third quarter after both picked up two technical fouls for jawing with each other during the period.

Boston (33-6) has won three straight following the only rough patch in its season, a stretch of three losses in four games. Ray Allen added 17 points and Rajon Rondo had 14 in his return to the lineup after missing two games with a sore lower back.

Zach Randolph had 24 points and 15 rebounds for the Knicks.



Mavericks forward Josh Howard, left, and Wizards forward Antawn Jamison elevate for a loose ball Sunday in Washington's 102-84 win.

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Men's College Basketball Polls

AP	Coaches
team	team
1 Memphis (49)	1 Memphis (21)
2 Kansas (23)	2 Kansas (10)
3 Tennessee	3 Duke
4 Duke	4 North Carolina
5 North Carolina	5 Tennessee
6 Washington State	6 Washington State
7 Indiana	7 UCLA
8 UCLA	8 Indiana
9 Georgetown	9 Georgetown
10 Michigan State	10 Michigan State
11 Wisconsin	11 Wisconsin
12 Texas	12 Texas
13 Pittsburgh	13 Vanderbilt
14 Vanderbilt	14 Butler
15 Butler	15 Mississippi
16 Dayton	16 Texas A&M
17 Mississippi	17 Pittsburgh
18 Villanova	18 Villanova
18 Texas A&M	19 Dayton
20 Stanford	20 Marquette
21 Marquette	21 Stanford
22 Drake	22 Xavier
23 Xavier	23 Drake
24 Arizona State	24 Saint Mary's
25 Baylor	25 Clemson

Women's AP College Basketball Poll

team	points	previous
1 Connecticut (50)	1250	1
2 Tennessee	1192	2
3 North Carolina	1131	3
4 Maryland	1103	4
5 Rutgers	1065	5
6 Baylor	968	6
7 Stanford	953	7
8 California	894	8
9 LSU	882	9
10 Duke	746	10
11 Oklahoma	656	11
12 West Virginia	627	14
13 Old Dominion	594	15
14 Oklahoma State	573	18
15 Ohio State	541	16
16 NOTRE DAME	529	17
17 Georgia	494	12
18 Wyoming	375	20
19 Pittsburgh	357	22
20 George Washington	356	13
21 Texas A&M	246	19
22 Kansas State	161	NR
23 Georgia Tech	119	NR
24 Syracuse	106	NR
25 Auburn	75	21

USFCA Fencing Polls

Men's	Women's
team	team
1 Penn State	1 NOTRE DAME
2 Ohio State	2 Ohio State
3 NOTRE DAME	3 Columbia-Barnard
4 St. John's (N.Y.)	4 Penn State
5 Columbia	5 Harvard
6 Pennsylvania	6 Northwestern
7 Harvard	7 St. John's (N.Y.)
8 Princeton	8 Pennsylvania
9 Brandeis	9 Temple
10 Stanford	10 Princeton

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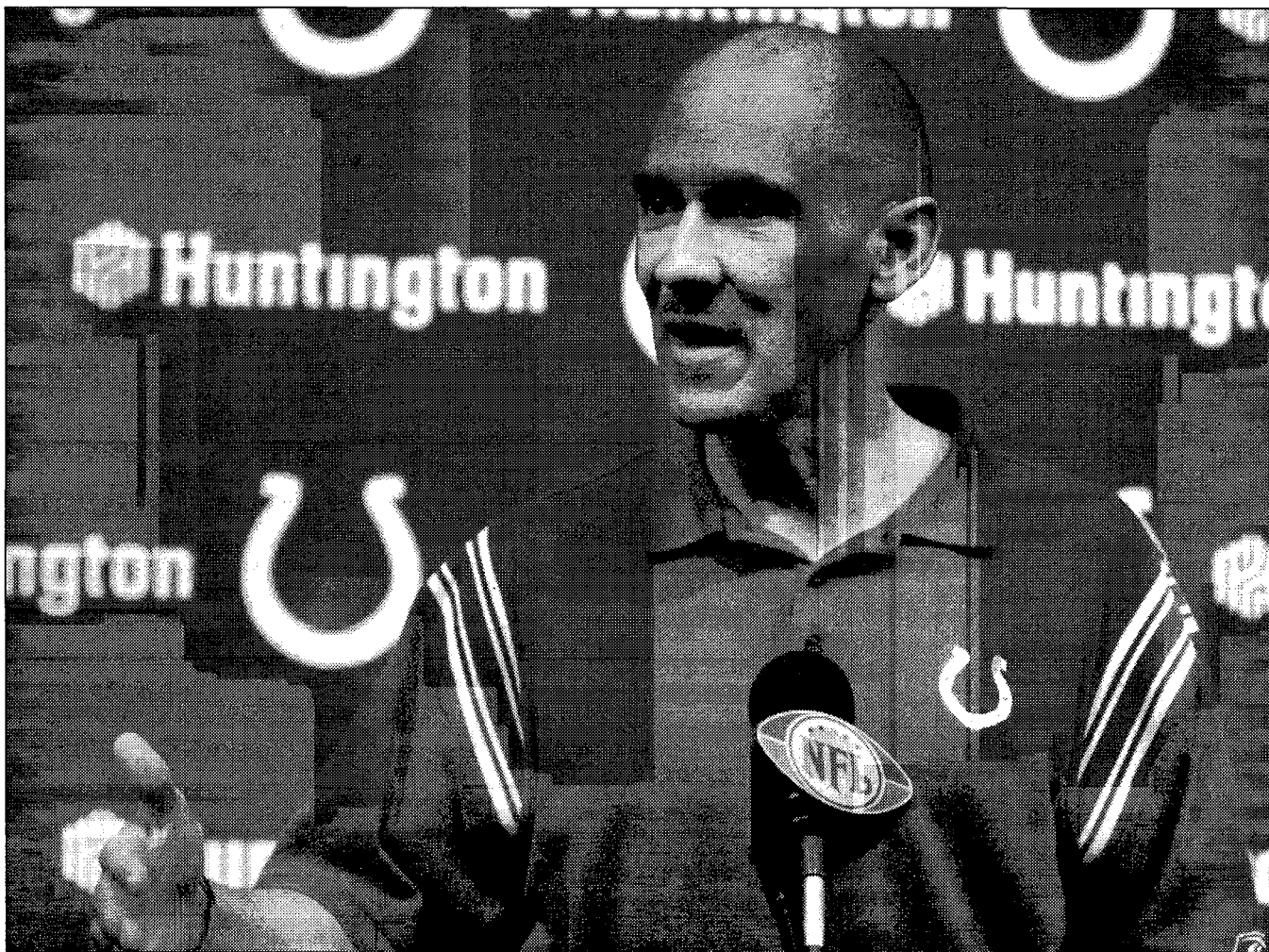
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2008 Australian Open
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Michigan at Wisconsin
7 p.m., ESPN
Tennessee at Kentucky
9 p.m., ESPN

NFL



Colts head coach Tony Dungy addresses the media Monday in Indianapolis. He decided to coach next year, saying he can balance both family and football.

Dungy will return to coach Colts next year

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Tony Dungy insists family always comes before football.

But Dungy believes he can make those priorities coexist — even if it means long commutes.

With his passion to coach high, his family supportive of his ambitions, and the Colts team owner intent on bringing him back, Dungy followed his heart and his family's wishes Monday deciding to return for at least one more season as head coach before turning the job over to his chosen successor, Jim Caldwell.

"I love this franchise, I love my family," said Dungy, whose contract

runs through 2009. "I wouldn't have come back if I was going to shortchange either one, or my children were not for it. It was really a family decision."

The weeklong deliberation created an emotional tug-of-war for the deeply religious Dungy.

His family recently moved back to Tampa, Fla., and his 16-year-old son, Eric, is attending high school there. The perception was Dungy had to choose between leaving the NFL so he could be spend more time at home — as he often cajoles other parents to do — or becoming a regular commuter on off-days to fulfill family obligations.

Dungy believes he can do both well.

Owner Jim Irsay offered to make Dungy's life easier by reducing his day-to-day workload, provide his own private jet for trips to Tampa, and give Dungy a chance to groom his long-time friend, Caldwell.

It wasn't the offers that convinced Dungy; it was the opportunity to keep winning and the chance to use coaching as a pulpit for his message.

"I enjoy my job, the players, the staff we have here and Bill (Polian) and Jim," Dungy said. "But it is a platform and that's something I talked to my wife and pastor about. I said 'I could stop and start a min-

istry, but I might not have a platform like this.' So I see it as a little more than a job."

Irsay wasn't the only Colts official relieved. Team president Bill Polian was pleased with the outcome, and last week players repeatedly expressed their desire to have Dungy back.

"I think there's not a guy in this locker room who wouldn't love to see him back," defensive tackle Darrell Reid said then.

The 52-year-old Dungy has spent more than half his life coaching in the NFL and became the first black coach to win a Super Bowl last season. He'd like to add to that collection next season.

IN BRIEF

Defensive end Hargrove suspended for one year

BUFFALO — Buffalo Bills defensive end Anthony Hargrove was suspended without pay for all next season Monday by the NFL after violating the league's substance abuse policy a third time.

The violation was Hargrove's second since August, when he was suspended without pay for the first four games of the regular season.

A third violation triggers an automatic one-year suspension, and Hargrove must apply to commissioner Roger Goodell for reinstatement.

The NFL did not disclose how Hargrove violated the policy. Violations can result from positive tests, failure to cooperate in the testing program or failing to comply with a treatment plan.

Hargrove's agent, Philip Williams, was out of the country and not immediately available for comment.

Oregon State fires men's basketball coach

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Oregon State fired basketball coach Jay John, whose team is 6-12 this season and winless in the Pac-10. Attendance is reaching record lows at Gill Coliseum and the school has had only one winning season since 1989-90.

Assistant Kevin Mouton will temporarily run the team after the rare midseason coaching change, which was announced Sunday night by athletic director Bob De Carolis. De Carolis did not rule out Mouton as a permanent replacement.

John, in his sixth season, received a five-year contract extension in 2005. Oregon State owes him about \$1.1 million.

"Sometimes things just don't work out and that's the case here," De Carolis said. "We needed to move on."

Philip Rivers to undergo surgery on knee

SAN DIEGO — Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers needed surgery to get his right knee through the AFC championship game, and now needs a more extensive operation to repair a torn ligament in the same knee. His rehab could last six months.

While confirming that he needs surgery on his torn right anterior cruciate ligament, the quarterback revealed for the first time that he had arthroscopic surgery to clean out the joint a week earlier in order to play in the AFC championship game.

Rivers made it through Sunday's 21-12 loss to the Patriots in freezing Foxborough, Mass., despite the damage to his knee, which he sustained in an upset win over the Indianapolis Colts a week earlier.

Rivers, lauded by his teammates for his gutsy play, said he'd like to have surgery as soon as possible on the torn ACL.

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NHL

Hurricanes score 3 late goals to edge Islanders

Predators hand Blues fifth straight loss; Coyotes' Doan extends point streak to 11 in home win over Sabres

Associated Press

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — The way things have gone lately for the slumping Carolina Hurricanes, every win is a masterpiece.

Rallying on the road in the third period against a club that hadn't lost when leading after 40 minutes all season made this victory that much sweeter.

Carolina defenseman Mike Commodore and Niclas Wallin scored in the third period, and Cory Stillman netted the power-play winner in overtime for the Hurricanes, who earned a 3-2 victory over the New York Islanders on Monday.

"It was a gross game," Commodore said. "The ice was terrible. Pucks were bouncing all over the place. Each team got a couple of lucky goals. We were all just trying to get pucks to the net. That's how we got the first two."

New York seemed well in control after carrying a 2-0 lead into the third period, but Commodore and Wallin each broke 11-game goal droughts to get the Hurricanes even.

Stillman took a pass in front from Eric Staal, during Andy Sutton's cross-checking penalty, and scored past Rick DiPietro with a second whack 52 seconds into overtime.

"It was a broken play. It's scary how it works out sometimes," Stillman said.

The Hurricanes didn't have any power-play chances until Staal was crunched into the end boards by Radek Martinek with 1:23 left in the third period. Their second advantage was enough to give them a second consecutive win following a four-game skid.

Carolina hadn't won two in a row since Dec. 15 and 18, both after regulation.

"There's a saying that the worst lead in hockey is a two-goal lead, and it proved to be right," Stillman said.

New York, which squandered a two-goal edge for the second straight game, is 3-3-4 in its last 10. Not even the return from injury of Martinek and fellow defenseman Brendan Witt was enough to help. The Islanders had been 15-0 when leading after two periods.

"It was bound to happen eventually," captain Bill Guerin said. "It's a sour taste in our mouths right now."

The Islanders are 0-2-2 in their past four at home, sandwiched around a successful 2-1-2 road trip. New York led 3-1 over Philadelphia on Saturday before falling 5-3.

"We should be flying a bit higher after the road trip we had," Guerin said. "I think sometimes you get a lead at home and you take it for granted."

Commodore started the rally 3:39 into the third, and Wallin tied it about 12 minutes later.

Wallin let the puck go from the right point, sending a drive between the legs of Islanders forward Trent Hunter and past DiPietro, who was screened in front by Carolina captain Rod Brind'Amour with 4:40 left in regulation.

Commodore had cut the deficit to 2-1 with a shot that caromed in off an Islanders skate in front.

Andy Hilbert and Miroslav Satan scored second-period goals for New York.

Hilbert took advantage of a fortunate bounce off the glass 3:17 into the period, and Satan doubled the Islanders' lead near the end of the second. DiPietro shook off an injury to his right leg and was in line for his 20th win.

DiPietro stretched for a shot that sailed wide of the net late in the second period and got up slowly, flexing his right leg. He made a flurry of saves soon after and appeared to be OK. DiPietro missed three games last month due to a left knee injury and said this was unrelated.

"It was a little tweak. Nothing major," said DiPietro, who finished with 26 saves.

Cam Ward stopped 23 shots and helped the Hurricanes build off a 7-2 home win on Friday that ended their skid. Carolina has allowed only four goals in two games after giving up 19 in the four-game slide.

The teams will conclude their four-game season series at Carolina on Tuesday night.

"These points are huge," Witt said. "We have to become road warriors."

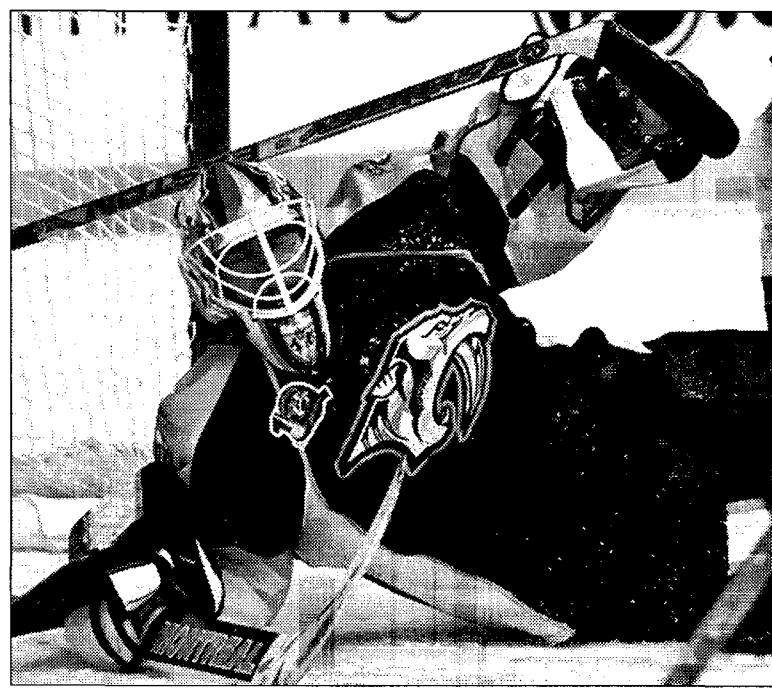
Predators 6, Blues 3

Alexander Radulov and Martin Gelinhas had two goals and an assist and the Nashville Predators beat the slumping St. Louis Blues Monday.

Shea Weber and Scott Nichol also scored for Nashville, which improved to 7-2-2 in its last 11 games. Chris Mason finished with 31 saves.

Brad Boyes, Dan Hinote and Keith Tkachuk scored for the Blues, who have lost five straight.

Boyes put St. Louis in front



Predators goalie Chris Mason tries to avoid a loose stick while protecting his own net during Nashville's 6-3 win over St. Louis.

with his 27th goal of the season at the 3:56 mark in the first. He got a pass from Andy McDonald and converted from the low slot.

Weber had a power-play goal and Nichol also beat Manny Legace to help Nashville take a 2-1 lead after the first period. Nichol scored two short-handed goals against Legace on Saturday in the first game of the home-and-home series between the teams.

The Blues tied it on Hinote's rebound goal in the second but Nashville went ahead for good on Radulov's backhand at 16:12. Gelinhas' deflection of defenseman Greg deVries' shot from the left point with just 37.2 seconds remaining in the period made it 4-2.

Radulov scored again just 1:58 into the third, and Gelinhas had an empty-netter to complete the scoring.

The Predators moved into second in the tightly contested Central Division with the win. Nashville and Columbus each have 52 points, but the Predators have one more victory and have played one less game.

Tkachuk accounted for the third St. Louis goal at 2:57 of the third period. Legace made 21 saves.

Coyotes 6, Sabres 2

There were stars all around for Phoenix in the Coyotes' rout of Buffalo. As often is the case, Shane Doan headed the list.

Doan had what coach Wayne Gretzky called "a tremendous goal" and an assist as the Coyotes sent the Sabres to a franchise-record eighth consecutive road loss on Monday.

The team captain extended his career-best points streak to 11 games.

"He's just taking the team on his shoulders right now, there's no question," Gretzky said. "He's playing probably better than I've ever seen him play."

Five other Coyotes scored as the team matched its highest-scoring game of the season.

Doan, Niko Kapanen and Derek Morris scored in a span of just over 5 1/2 minutes of the second period against backup Buffalo goalie Jocelyn Thibault. Peter Mueller, Phoenix's 19-year-old center, scored his 13th goal

and extended his points streak to seven games.

"It was a tough night for Joc," Buffalo coach Lindy Ruff said. "They got off to a tough start with the first one. He battled back the rest of the period, and I thought he was going to be OK, but it was a night we couldn't overcome those goals and we didn't give him enough support."

Daniel Winnik and Ed Jovanovski also scored for Phoenix. Paul Gaustad and Thomas Vanek had goals for the Sabres, in the second stop of a seven-game road trip that will pause for the All-Star break.

The Braves snapped a franchise-record 10-game overall losing streak with a 10-1 win against Atlanta on Friday, but followed with a 4-2 loss at Toronto on Saturday.

"It's repetitive but we have to stick together and keep playing our system and play better," Gaustad said. "We're not happy in here at all. Every guy has to look at himself in the mirror and then stick together."

"We have to find a way. We have to be better. We're not pointing fingers."

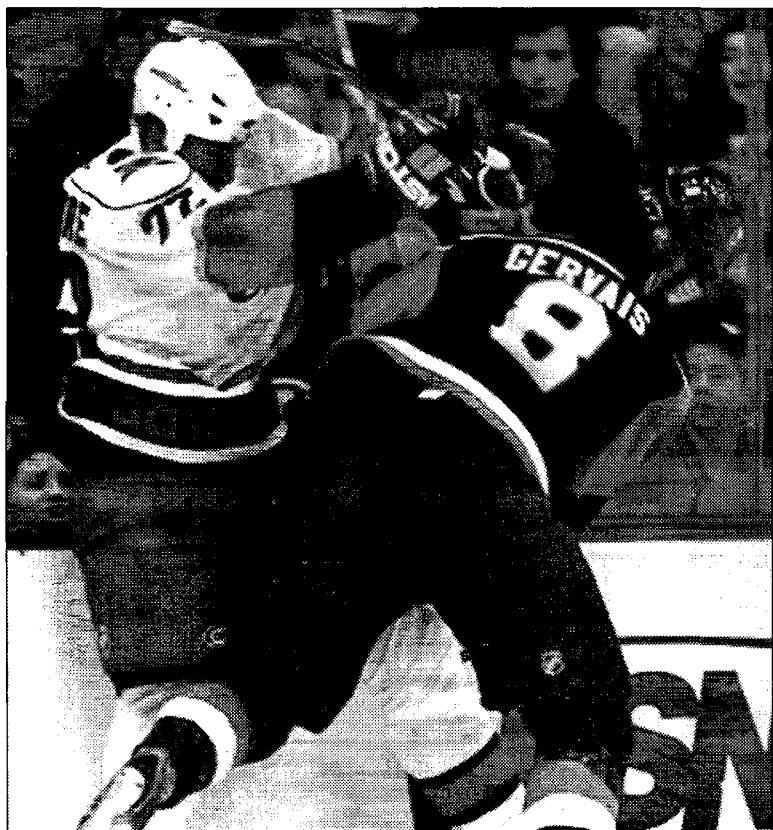
Kapanen put Phoenix ahead for good 2-1 on a power play, when he intercepted Toni Lydman's attempt to clear the puck from behind the net, then wristed it in off the goalie's glove.

"They kind of took the play to us in the last of the first [period]," Doan said. "That first one was big for them, to tie it up at 1-1. We could feel their energy pick up. We kind of dropped it for a little bit and we had to answer. It was big for us to get that next goal right away."

Doan's 16th goal of the season just over 3 minutes later put Phoenix ahead 3-1. The Coyotes' captain maneuvered the puck through traffic, then shot it just off the right corner post into the net.

"Over the last probably 15 to 20 games, he's just become more and more of a dominant player," Gretzky said. "You watch Shane each night, he's just a big horse out there. The more I play him, the better he plays."

It was 4-1 after Morris rocketed a slap shot from about 65 feet through the goalie's legs at 12:30 of the second. Fredrik Sjostrom and Keith Ballard got assists.



Carolina's Mike Commodore, left, battles for a loose puck with Islanders defenseman Bruno Gervais during Carolina's 3-2 victory Monday.

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Frosh

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Irish freshman Ewa Nelip won the open division of the women's epee competition,

and junior Karol Kostka captured the bronze in the 250-competitor men's epee senior division.

"I think our whole team made a huge, huge statement with this competition — that we're not just competitive at

the NCAA level, but we're competitive at the national circuit," Kvaratskhelia.

The Irish will try to use the momentum from the finishes in Atlanta Saturday when they travel to New York City for the NYU Duals.

There, Notre Dame will fence most of the top teams from the Midwest and Northeast, including Notre Dame's bitter rival, Ohio State.

Note:
The U.S. Fencing Coaches

Association released its first set of rankings for the season. Notre Dame is No. 1 on the women's side and No. 3 on the men's side.

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CLUB SPORTS

Ski team travels to Michigan, dominates races

Women's Hockey scores plenty, nets one win; Bowling warms up for next week's home invitational

Associated Press

Men's Ski

Wearing new bright-green jackets, the Notre Dame men dominated its first race of the season, this weekend at Cannonsburg, Mich.

Both men's ski and men's snowboard won their respective divisions thanks to top finishes from senior captains Oliver Short and Steve Feutz.

Sophomore Kevin Dacey, along with Notre Dame's strong freshman class, contributed significantly to the win.

"Never have I ever seen a team so ready to win," senior Mike Chulito said. "The amount of young talent on the team is like a slap in the face for the upperclassmen. I'm stoked."

Grand Valley State, Michigan State, Western Michigan, Central Michigan and Ferris State provided the competition this weekend. Next week the team will be traveling to Crystal Mountain in Langlois, Mich., and hopes are high for another set of victories.

Women's Ice Hockey

Notre Dame split a pair of games with the Chicago Tigers but dropped a second pair against the Chicago Flash this weekend.

The games began with a tough 5-2 loss to the Tigers. The Irish scored first in the opening period with an unassisted goal from freshman Tess Ryan.

But then Notre Dame's lack of practice started to show.

The Irish, who had practiced only once since Christmas break, went scoreless until the third period, when sophomore Emily Chappell took a pass from sophomore Ashley Bozel and found the back of the net. But that would be all the scoring the Irish would do.

The following night, Notre Dame avenged its loss.

Freshman goalie Karen Riedl shut the Tigers out the first period.

Junior Margaret Knoedler put the Irish on the board first with an unassisted goal, which was followed by a goal from Ryan assisted by freshman Cassie Kral.

A goal in the second period from Chappell was followed shortly by a goal from Ryan.

The Tigers couldn't come back after the scoring flurry, and Notre Dame walked away victorious, 4-2.

In the first game against the Flash, Notre Dame found itself on the losing end of a 5-4 thriller.

Ryan opened the first game with a goal that was assisted by senior Laura Steinbrenner. Knoedler later scored a power-play goal off a pass from

Chappell. Aimola's second period goal was assisted by Knoedler, and Notre Dame's final goal of the game was assisted by Ryan to freshman Amber Rosenberg.

Despite the offensive outburst, the Irish couldn't keep the puck out of their own net, giving up five goals to the Flash.

The next evening, Notre Dame started the scoring again with a goal by senior Kara Brennan. The second and final Irish goal came from Knoedler and Chappell, but once again the Flash scored at will, and this time won 5-2.

While the Irish lost two strong players to study-abroad programs, Knoedler has just returned home from studying abroad and is excited about how the team is looking.

"I'm really looking forward to the season. It looks like we have a strong group of girls who are willing to work hard," says Knoedler of practicing with the team and the new coach, Conor Brennan. "We should have a successful season."

Bowling

Notre Dame tuned up for the upcoming Blue Gold Invitational with a league tournament in Toledo.

Chris Kieser led the Irish with a 158 average on the difficult Viper PBA pattern shot on the lanes. Nick Manieri followed with a 148, while James Breen (137), Allie Hensley (130), CJ Kaltenbach (109), Lindsey Zimmerman (131), and Alex Desch (110) completed the scoring for a 29th-place showing on Saturday.

On Sunday, the club showed significant improvement, bowling on a PBA Chameleon pattern. Nick Manieri had high game with a 219 and averaged 167. Breen improved 24 pins as he posted a 161 average, while Hensley improved 18 pins to a 148.

The club moved up to 27th place in the second event of the weekend.

This year's Blue Gold will move to Chippewa Bowl, and approximately 70 teams from across the country are expected to attend on both Saturday and Sunday.

The amount of young talent on this team is like a slap in the face for the upper-classmen I'm stoked."

Mike Chulito
Irish senior skier

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Orange fall to Hoyas in OT as last shot rims out

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even when Georgetown is a huge favorite, the Hoyas always have their hands full with Syracuse.

It was no different Monday night, when No. 9 Georgetown had to rally from a seven-point deficit over the final five minutes of regulation then outscored the Orange 4-2 in a ragged overtime to escape with a 64-62 victory.

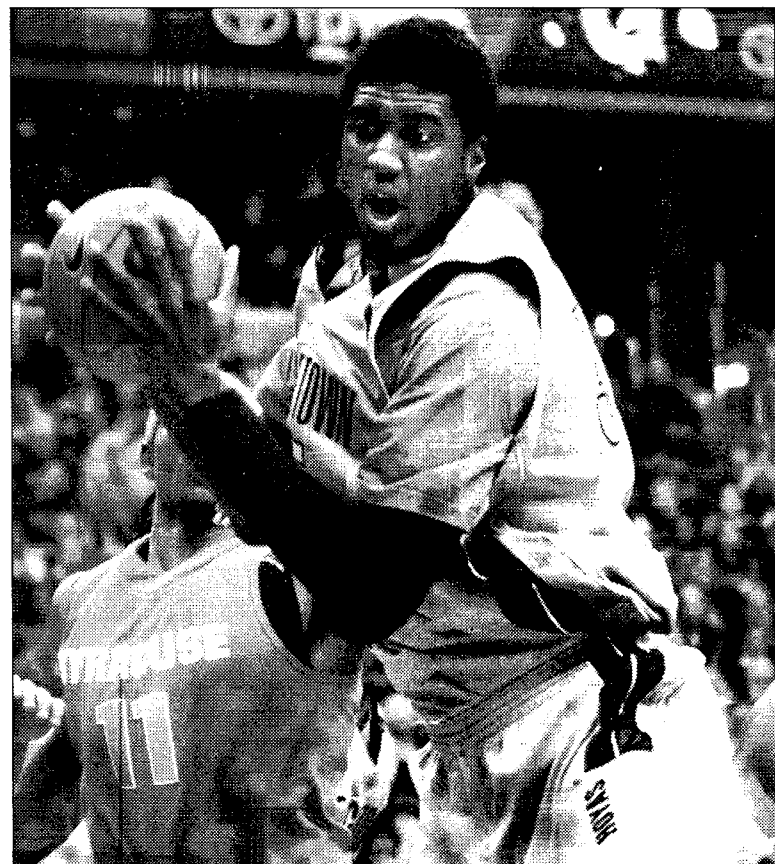
Roy Hibbert scored 15 points for Georgetown, including the only field goal of overtime. The 7-foot-2 center, who has made the first two 3-pointers of his college career in recent games, was left open for a 13-footer that gave the Hoyas a 64-60 lead with a minute remaining.

Donte Greene then made two of 3 free throws — he was fouled attempting a 3-pointer — to cut the Orange's deficit to two with 44 seconds left. But Syracuse's Jonny Flynn, who scored 24 points, missed a long, contested 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Georgetown (15-2, 5-1 Big East) improved to 10-0 at home and avoided the upset that happened last season under almost identical circumstances. Syracuse upset then-No. 9 Georgetown 72-58 on a Monday night last season to stop the Hoyas' 11-game winning streak. The Orange had won seven of the last eight in the series.

Syracuse (13-7, 3-4), which is down to nine scholarship players including five freshmen, has lost four of five overall. Orange coach Jim Boeheim remains one victory shy of tying Henry Iba at for 10th all-time in Division I with 764.

Jonathan Wallace scored 15 points for the Hoyas, who were outrebounded 43-33 and shot only 35 percent in the second half.



Georgetown center Roy Hibbert goes up for a shot in the Hoyas' 64-62 overtime win over Syracuse on Monday.

Greene finished with 15 points on 5-for-19 shooting. He was 1-for-13 from the field at one point before his layup gave the Orange their first lead of the second half, 45-44, with 10:34 to play.

Greene's 3-pointer gave the

Orange a 58-51 lead with 4:31 remaining, and his wild bank shot made it 60-55 with 2:02 remaining, but Jessie Sapp hit a 3-pointer and converted a Syracuse turnover into a layup that tied the game at 60 with 1:14 left.

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D.C. to play Georgetown, if you ever want to [visit Walter Reed] you can."

Brey, who still keeps in contact with his players from Kuwait, said his interest in using basketball to support the military comes from his parents. His father was in the Army and his mother was a physical therapist at Walter Reed.

What's more, Brey makes a living working with players who are the same age as many of the soldiers currently serving overseas.

He said his players can learn lessons

from meeting the soldiers that apply on and off the court — especially after a game like the loss to the Hoyas.

"Sometimes when you're a college athlete, you don't live in a real world," Brey said. "After you [visit Walter Reed], you should never feel sorry for yourself again."

Irish forward Rob Kurz said the thing he noticed most was the commitment of the soldiers being treated, several of whom said they were anxious to get back overseas

to continue their service.

Point guard Tory Jackson said the soldiers trying to cope with sometimes life-changing injuries affected him the most.

"Whatever we go through, they're worse off than we are," Jackson said. "It let everybody know that we shouldn't complain about anything."

Brey said he likes to take his team on "field trips" scheduled around road games, especially when Notre

Dame visits cities with historical and political significance, like Washington.

"In the midst of basketball, in addition to getting an NCAA tournament bid, there's an educational side,"

he said.

The coach said that the sight-seeing trips have rarely been as poignant as the visit to Walter Reed, which serves more than 150,000 patients.

"When we've gone to D.C. we've done the White House and we've done things like that, but I think this one, given what's going on in our world and in our country, we'll try to well-round these guys," Brey said.

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Davis

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His main competition for that goal will be Louisville junior Andrew Hackney. Hackney and Davis threw in the same club while both were in high school in suburban Atlanta.

"He finished in the top ten last year and threw in my high school throwing club," Davis said. "He's got the best mark in the Big East right now."

At 17.58 meters, Davis' throw on Saturday qualified him for the Big East meet — an achievement that most freshmen would celebrate.

But for Davis, the throw was merely average.

"I didn't really put much thought into it. I threw that far my junior year in high school, so I wasn't too worried" he said. "However, it's always good to get that mark out of the way."

Davis credits his throwing coach, Irish assistant Adam Beltran, and senior teammate Mike Schubert with the freshman's blossoming throwing career at Notre Dame.

"As a first-year throwing coach, Coach Beltran has been amazing" he said. "Also 'Big Mike' is awesome and has influenced me a lot in adjusting to college track and field."

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SMC BASKETBALL

Kessler wins MIAA player of the week

Award is the sixth of the senior's career

Observer Staff Report

After a week that included a school-record 41 points in one game, Saint Mary's guard Alison Kessler has been named MIAA player of the week.

Kessler set the team mark in a 72-69 win over Kalamazoo on Jan. 16. Her scoring total not only eclipsed Julie Norman's single-game Saint Mary's record, set during the 1998-99 season, but it also marked the most points scored by a Division III player this season.

In addition to scoring, the senior from LaPorte, Ind., also pulled down a career-high

nine rebounds against the Hornets.

On Saturday, Kessler led the Belles to a 74-71 win over Tri-State. She scored 16 points, including 11 from the free-throw line. She also tied her career high with nine rebounds in the close win over the Thunder, a team to which Saint Mary's has never lost.

In the two games against Kalamazoo and Tri-State, Kessler played 77 of 80 minutes.

Kessler now owns six conference player of the week honors, including three this season.

Saint Mary's (8-7, 4-3 MIAA) will travel to Grand Rapids, Mich., to play Calvin Wednesday, and then will return home to host national No. 1 Hope Saturday.

Demons

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they want to run, but they shoot a lot of threes in transition whereas we don't shoot as many."

One player that gave Notre Dame trouble in the three games last year was guard Allie Quigley, who averaged 21 points in the contests.

"She's somebody that we definitely need to know where she is all the time," McGraw said.

Quigley has played well all season. She has 20 consecutive games in double figures dating back to last season and is averaging 18.5 points and 5.5 rebounds per game so far in 2007-08.

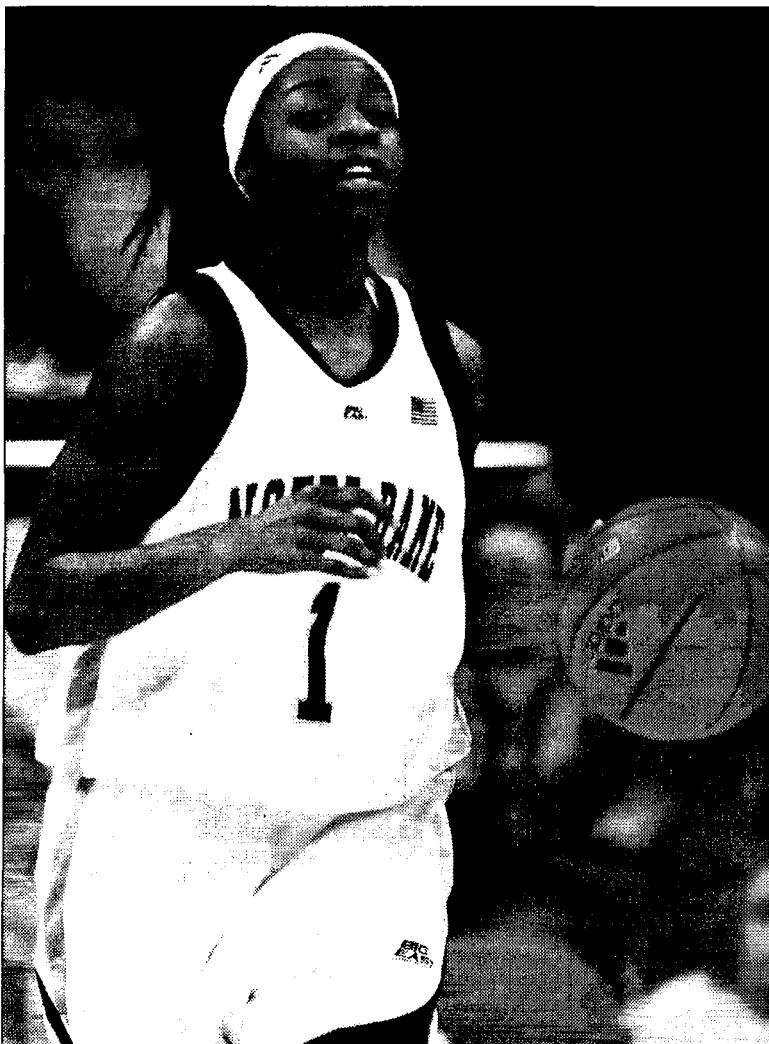
Despite Quigley's offensive output, McGraw said that she isn't doing anything specific in practice to shut her down. Instead, she is focusing on the team's man-to-man defense.

Both teams will look to push the tempo of the game by running fast-paced offenses. The Irish average 79.4 points per game this season, and the Blue Demons score 82.2. DePaul also shoots 33 percent from 3-point land, while the Irish defense has allowed conference foes to shoot 38.5 percent from beyond the arc.

McGraw said that she has not changed her practice plans this week to fit specifically against DePaul, but instead has worked on keeping the offense consistent.

"We're starting to gel a little bit and I just hope we can keep that going," she said.

One key to Notre Dame's success will be the play of its bench, including freshmen Brittany Mallory and Devereaux Peters. Peters has been a force off the bench for the Irish this season, with 8.6 points per game, 5.3 rebounds per game and totals of 38



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Irish guard Tulyah Gaines dribbles upcourt in Notre Dame's 69-58 win over Villanova on Jan. 16.

blocks and 34 steals.

Peters' biggest flaw, McGraw said, is simply her inexperience. The 6-foot-2 forward has fouled out of every conference game except Notre Dame's 69-58 win over Villanova on Jan. 16.

"She's just making a lot of freshman mistakes. She wants to contribute, so she's trying to do whatever she can," McGraw said. "I think she probably gets a little frustrated with herself when she fouls out."

McGraw recruited Mallory as a 3-point specialist, but the

freshman only shot 21.8 percent (12-of-55) from 3-point distance before entering Big East play. Since then, the guard 7-of-15 from behind that ar, and her confidence continues to grow.

"We've encouraged her to keep shooting the ball, we want her to shoot the 3, and it's been really successful, but mostly because she feels her confidence has really soared," McGraw said.

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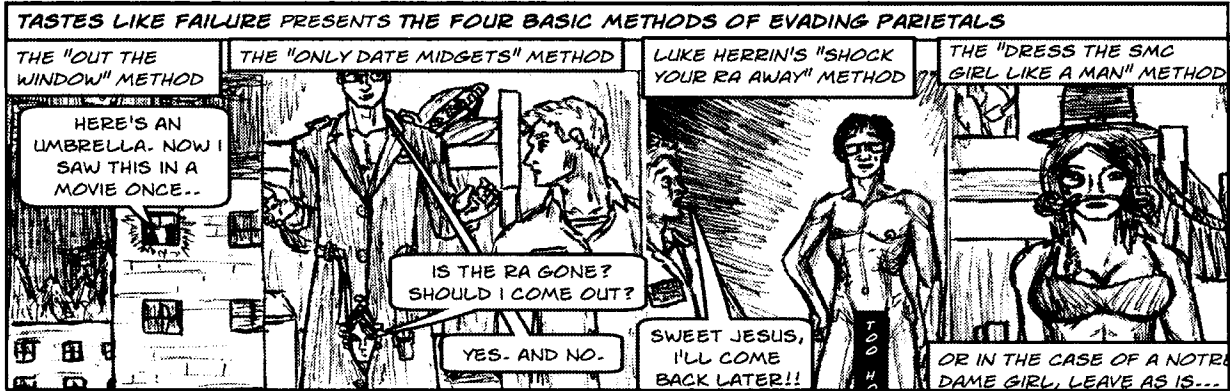
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5 Own up (to)
10 Bank with significant deposits?
14 Award for "Hot L. Baltimore"
15 Harness parts
16 Writer Stanley Gardner
17 Teen's response to a parent's "No"
20 Somme summer
21 Greek war god
22 Novelist Joyce Carol
23 Blacken
24 Pumpkin pie ingredient
26 Outdated
29 Musical Count
30 "Encore!"
31 Forest in "As You Like It"
32 By way of

35 Teen's response to a parent's "No"
39 & 40 Change of government
41 1973 #1 hit "an American Band"
42 Basketball position
43 Gushed
45 Subject to legal damages
47 Like badly worn tires
48 Peter of "Casablanca"
49 "Howdy!"
50 Batman and Robin, e.g.
53 Teen's response to a parent's "No"
57 Window section
58 Power problem
59 Mideast V.I.P.
60 Narrow cut

Down

1 Ear or leaf feature
2 Be next to
3 Mention, as in a court opinion
4 To date
5 Couples' destination?
6 Prevent through intimidation
7 Pageant title
8 Country lodge
9 General on a Chinese menu
10 Malign
11 Steaming
12 Movie-set light
13 Plural suffix with auction or musket
18 "Aren't you the comedian?"
19 Lugging
23 "Moonstruck" actress
24 Point from which there's nowhere to go but up
25 Depletes, with "up"
26 Meteor shooting across the sky, maybe
27 Aphrodite's domain
28 Sketched
29 Kennel club listing
31 Tennis great Agassi
61 Wheels for big wheels
62 Folk singer Seeger

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DIVAS SCROD WPA
AMOS STRINGBEAN
DATE PLEA ERECT
AXED YEW DANES

32 Panorama
33 Memo phrase
34 Like some cheeses
36 "Absolutely!"
37 _____ surgeon
38 Had to hand it to?
42 January birthstone
43 What the teen wishes the parent would do instead
44 Land office map
45 Hometown-related
46 Tehran resident
47 "Ex-x-actly!"
48 Kissers
49 Havoc
50 "It's your _____"
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52 Nasty sort
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Happy Birthday: This can turn out to be an interesting year if you concentrate on some of your inventions or ideas. Get involved in self-improvement projects and you will get results. A change is apparent at a personal or professional level. Both will contribute to an attitude improvement. Your numbers are 7, 16, 20, 24, 27, 39

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will pick up valuable information from someone who has experienced more life lessons. Travel will put you in a position to make a move in the future or to source out the job opportunities elsewhere. Don't get bogged down by emotional issues. 2 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Have no fear -- try new things and you will benefit through experimentation. An opportunity to deal with someone from a different background will open your mind to far-reaching ideas that can turn into a lucrative endeavor. Someone you least expect will encourage and help you. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You should be brainstorming and trying to get ahead. Focus on your goals and you won't be disappointed but, let jealousy or emotional matters intervene and you will miss out. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your emotions will play havoc with you if you don't give in to change. Look beyond your immediate situation and see the potential. It's time to be a bit of an adventurer. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If it's excitement you are looking for, you should be able to find it. Love is in the stars and the opportunity to interact with all sorts of people from different walks of life will be stimulating. Don't hold back. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't let anyone force his or her will on you. You are in the driver's seat, so be firm and formulate your own ideas so you are happy with the outcome and secure with what is heading your way. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Avoid an altercation with anyone competitive. You cannot let your personal thoughts interfere with your productivity. Focus on what you are doing and ignore what's going on around you. 2 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Taking something you already have or are working on and increasing its value or even making a residential move should help you turn your financial situation around. Change is required and the longer you sit idle, the further away you will become from resolving your problems. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Answers will be made available but you have to question where they are coming from. A change in the way you do things will confuse anyone trying to undermine you. Stay ahead of the game by being one step in front of the competition. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Money is heading in your direction from a most unusual source. Broaden your horizons and look at the possibility of getting involved in a money-making venture. Follow your intuition and it will lead to a good decision. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can bet that if you ask for something, the person on the giving end will expect something big in return. Be careful with whom you do business. You are better off pursuing on your own. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take charge and do things according to your plans. You will attract the help of someone who has just what you need to complete your goal. Be careful not to give away too much. 5 stars

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Familiar foe

After playing DePaul three times last year, Irish face them again

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

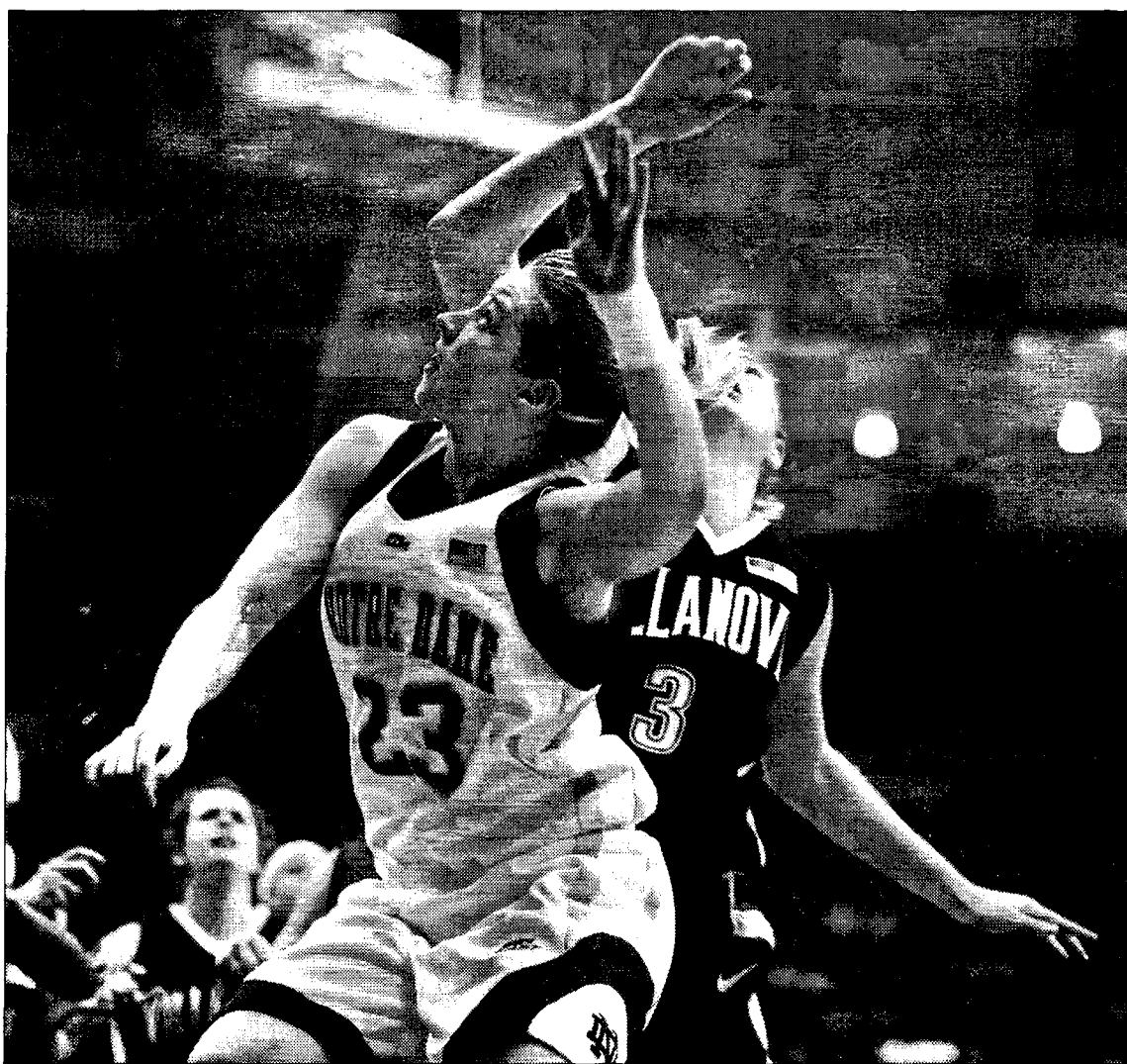
After notching the 10th triple-digit score in school history, Notre Dame returns to the Joyce Center tonight to face a familiar foe.

The Irish take on DePaul at 7 p.m. — a team that Notre Dame faced three times last season. The two squads had a home-and-home series last season and played again in the first round of the Big East tournament last March.

Notre Dame (15-3, 3-1 Big East) also plays DePaul twice this year; the Irish will travel to Allstate Arena outside Chicago on Feb. 24.

Despite all that familiarity Irish coach Muffet McGraw said that she did not think the experience against DePaul last year will make much of an impact in tonight's game.

"They're a tough team for us to guard. They score a lot of points; they're really good in transition. They shoot a lot of threes," McGraw said. "They're kind of like us in that



IAN GAVLIK/The Observer

Irish guard Melissa Lechlitner battles for a rebound in Notre Dame's 69-58 win over Villanova Jan. 16. The Irish host DePaul tonight.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Team visits wounded veterans

Brey calls side trip to D.C.'s Walter Reed Hospital 'educational'

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Notre Dame traveled to Washington last week to play a basketball game — they also got a lesson in life.

On Friday, the day before their 84-66 loss to the Hoyas, the Irish visited Walter Reed Army Military Center in Washington to meet with wounded, injured and ill members of the Armed Forces.

Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said he first came up with the idea to take his team to the hospital during his trip to Kuwait last summer for Operation Hardwood, a basketball tournament for members of the armed services with the help of coaches from the states.

"When I made the Kuwait trip last year, the contact said, 'Hey, when you come to

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FENCING

Freshmen impress at North American Cup

Osbourne, Hasset, Reese perform well vs. continent's best

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Call it a freshman frenzy in A-Town.

Notre Dame's strong showing at the North American Cup event in Atlanta concluded Monday with three more notable finishes by first-year fencers.

Freshman Hayley Reese cracked the top-12 of the women's foil senior division. Reese finished second in the junior division earlier in the weekend, behind only foil prodigy Nzihgha Prescod.

"Hayley is a girl who has been in every competition, you know," Irish assistant coach Gia Kvaratskhelia said from Atlanta. "This time she barely missed final eight. ... I think the tournament was very hard, but her going that far was surprising for me."

Kvaratskhelia said Reese would have made the final eight if not for a slew of controversial calls by the officials.

With six seconds remaining, he said, Reese advanced and appeared to score a touch that would have tied the bout at 9-9 and sent it to overtime. But the referee ruled it a score for the opponent, and Reese lost 10-8.

"She lost to a four-time world team member, and it came down to the wire," Kvaratskhelia said of Reese. "She was very disappointed. ... She could taste it. It was there."

Meanwhile, freshman Eileen

Hasset took the bronze in the women's sabre junior division, and freshman Jacob Osbourne earned a top-16 finish in the junior men's epee competition.

The Cup included fencers from the United States, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico, all seeking to earn points to qualify for national team competitions and this season's World Championships.

On Saturday and Sunday,



Reese

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MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Davis gets 'weighty' win

Freshman takes throwing title at ND Invitational

By EUGENIA ALFONZO
Sports Writer

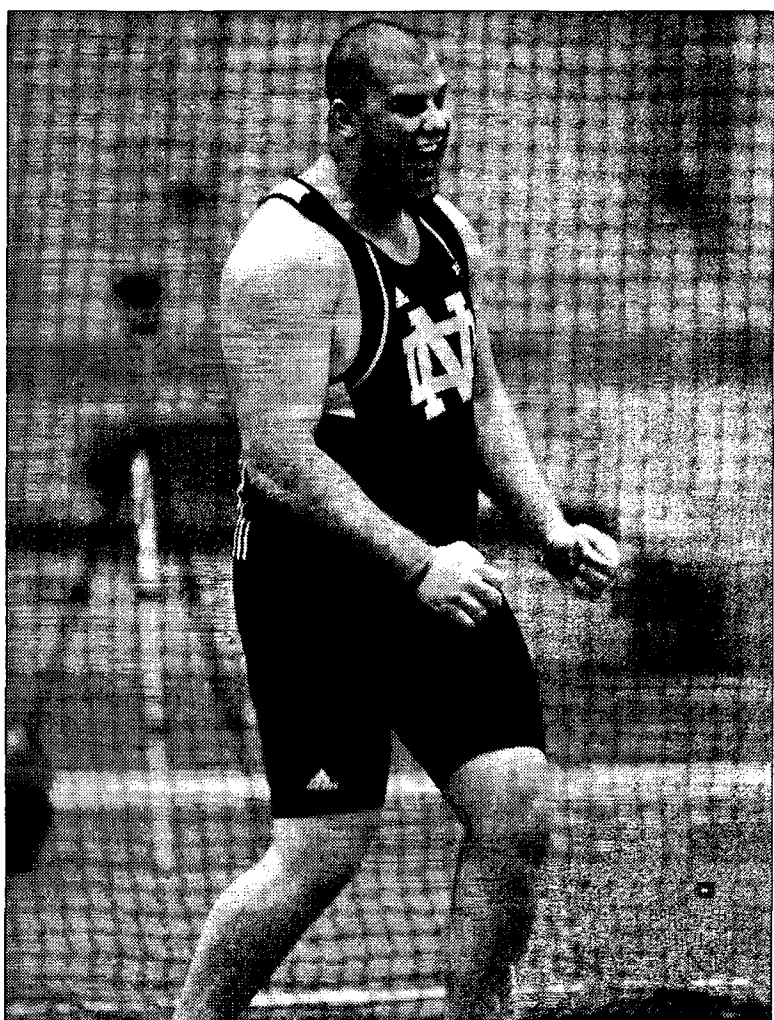
After starting off the new year at the Notre Dame Invitational with a victory in the men's weight throw, freshman Greg Davis hopes to improve even more as the season progresses.

"Although the beginning of the season has started off OK, it hasn't been fantastic," he said. "However, I'm pretty happy with how it's going."

Davis has proven to be an essential part of the throwing team, coming back from winter break with the rest of the team three days early in order to prepare for the meet.

He also hopes for a successful indoor season, in which he hopes to put his name in the Notre Dame record books.

"I look to break the school record in the weight throw, and I'm four feet away from that now," he said. "Also, my other goal is to win the weight throw in the Big East Conference meet."



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Irish freshman Greg Davis reacts to his winning weight throw at the Notre Dame Indoor Invitational on Saturday.

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